

## "CURB JINGOISM OF JAPANESE"

### ROJESTVENSKY ON U. S. WARSHIP CRUISE

Voyage Will Prove of High Strategic  
Value—War Clouds Gathering  
on Pacific.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—Admiral Rojestvensky, who during the Russo-Japanese war led the ill-starred Russian fleet around Africa to ultimate defeat at the hands of the Japanese in the sea of Japan, is keenly interested in the cruise of the United States battleship squadron. He talked to-day on the matter.

From his own experience, Admiral Rojestvensky is very familiar with the problems which confront Rear Admiral Evans, and after outlining some of the difficulties the American vessels would have to overcome, the Russian naval officer said he considered the voyage to the Pacific to be entirely practical.

"It can be made safely either in time of peace or in time of war," said Rojestvensky. "Sheltered harbors are available for coaling and there is no fear of interference on the part of any of South American governments. The passage of the Straits of Magellan, especially in summer time, presents no difficulty to a skilled commander. This expedition differs from the trip of the battle fleet in that we were obliged to coal at sea. We were not permitted to linger for even one day in the un-frequented bay of Annan without brusque orders from the French governor and the English admiral to 'move on.'

The question of laggards on a lengthy voyage will be hard to overcome. The British fleet, which ranks among the most effective in the world, found it necessary to drop the laggards during its recent maneuvers. This would be fatal in wartime."

The Russian admiral then spoke of the effect of the American squadron in the Pacific on the Japanese, and said: "While this voyage will be valuable in welding the fleet into a homogeneous weapon, it will also have a higher strategic value in curbing the pretensions of the Japanese, whose jingoism has noticeably abated since the announcement of the plan."

Rojestvensky dispensed the idea of duplicating the battleship squadron, one for the Atlantic and the other for the Pacific. He declared that one fleet would be adequate for the pacification of both coasts, and its transfer could be made profitably with advantages to both ships and crews. The fleet should have its base at San Francisco or some other American port while in the Pacific, he said. To station it in the Philippines would be expensive and unnecessary.

Contrasting the American and Japanese fleets, the Russian admiral said: "The Japanese personnel man for man, is now undoubtedly more efficient than the American. This was due to practice in battle, but the American ships now exceed the Japanese ships in strength and numbers; that there is no question of American superiority. I consider that the question of war between Japan and the United States is quite excluded."

Continuing the conversation, Admiral Rojestvensky said he was opposed to the rebuilding of the Russian fleet. He believed that Russia's future will be on land and that the money a fleet would cost would be better spent in building a commercial marine.

"We may spend four or five millions in the next ten years," Admiral Rojestvensky went on, "as it is proposed to overwhelm Russia with debt in order to secure a fleet stronger than the Japanese, but the future of our Asiatic possessions will be determined by the army, not the fleet. Russia is doing nothing to strengthen her army. We are holding 500,000 soldiers on the Polish frontier, a million in Russian Turkestan, and only 80,000 in all Siberia, where the Chinese and Japanese are building up a portentous military power."

"But will the Russian fleet be constructed?" the admiral was asked. "Yes," he replied. "Unfortunately there are many people in Russia who wish to fill their pockets, and the execution of a big naval programme will give them a glorious opportunity."

French Opinions.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Admiral Gervais, president of the French Naval League and the greatest French naval tactician, was questioned yesterday regarding the voyage of the American battleships to the Pacific.

He said that the French navy would watch the progress of the cruise with the keenest interest from the technical point of view. "It is the greatest feature of naval maneuvering ever undertaken in time of peace," he continued. "It is in short an experience which will be watched by the naval world for the next three months."

"I myself navigated the Horn twice in 1880 on board the *Triomphant*. I don't consider the undertaking to be necessarily extremely perilous, but it will be long and tedious. Everything depends on the care in preparing for the voyage in the matter of coaling and provision, the securing of the latest charts, etc."

"The voyage will call for the most constant vigilance from officers and men; it will undoubtedly constitute a great strain on both, but it will be the best training for them."

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onstrate the high state of efficiency of the American navy and afford a most valuable lesson to the navies of the world."

The *Temps* newspaper thinks that the move is a commendable act of prudence, and says that the conflict between white and yellow labor, not to speak of broader aspects of rivalry on the Pacific coast, must be recognized. Nevertheless, it does not believe that war is near at hand, as it is convinced of America's peaceful intentions and Japan's financial inability to strike. Still it foresees days when the circumstances might change.

"The economic competition between America and Asia," says the *Temps*, "appears to every impartial observer as the strongest theoretical cause for war now existing. President Roosevelt has discharged his full duty in taking an indispensable defensive action."

"It is necessary to prepare for the worst hypothesis, not for the best."

The journal *Desbats* considers the "the natural consequence of changed political conditions."

"While England is withdrawing her fleet from the Mediterranean," says the journal, "in order to mass it on the British coast, in order to meet possible eventualities, America, finding the Atlantic freed by European recognition of the Monroe Doctrine, is sending her fleet to the Pacific, where war clouds are gathering."

### PURPOSE IS NOT TO THREATEN JAPAN

#### Opinion of Leading Tokio Paper on Dispatch to Pacific of U. S. Fleet.

Tokio, Dec. 18.—The *Chi Shimpou*, an independent paper which has a circulation in intellectual and business circles, will publish an editorial to-morrow on the dispatch of the American fleet to the Pacific.

"This is a noteworthy naval undertaking," the paper will say, "one that will attract the attention of the world. We do not entertain the idea for even one minute, however, that the purpose of the American fleet is to threaten Japan. Should the American fleet visit these shores it will be given a hearty reception worthy of the lifelong friendship between Japan and the United States."

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### Turbine Torpedo Boat *Tartar* Steam- ed Over 37 Knots an Hour.

Southampton, Dec. 18.—The turbine torpedo boat *Tartar* broke all records in fast steaming in her final trials over the official course yesterday, attaining a speed of 37.67 knots. She also established a new record for a six hours' trial, covering 233 miles in that time and maintaining the unprecedented speed of 35.363 knots.

### JEWS MUST LEAVE.

Ordered to Depart From *Vlaivostok*  
Within Four Days.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Vladivostok says that the Jews have been ordered to depart within four days. Jewish property holders, however, are given 18 days in which to liquidate.

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### UNKNOWN WRECK OFF CAPE COD

### SPARS VISIBLE BUT NO SIGN OF LIFE

### Vessel With Hull Entirely Submerged Furnishes Another Mystery of the Sea.

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 18.—An unknown three-masted schooner, believed to have been bound north from Cape Port, sank off here some time during the night. The vessel went down in about 24 feet of water, and her hull is entirely submerged. She was discovered at daybreak to-day.

The crew of the Monomoy Point light house station have gone to the scene. The sunken vessel lies about four miles off Cape Cod and about a mile north of the Pollock rip lightship.

It is believed that the schooner was sunk as the result of a collision with some other craft. Last night, between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11 o'clock, the beach patrols from the life-saving stations at Monomoy and Monomoy Point noticed a peculiar mix-up of signals at approximately the same spot where the schooner's spars are protruding above the sea to-day. The patrols watched for signals of distress to be displayed, but did not see any. At daybreak the schooner's spars were seen above the sea.

The vessel was submerged about half way up to the cross trees. There was no sign of life on board the vessel; no one so far as could be seen having sought refuge in the rigging.

The life-savers reached the sunken vessel shortly before 8:30 a.m., having a long hard row of more than an hour and a half. On account of the schooner being so deeply submerged it is considered doubtful if the life-savers will be able to ascertain her name, unless they find some members of the crew.

### ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Prisoner Breaks Away From Police at  
Lumsden and Throws Himself  
Under Train.

Regina, Dec. 18.—While waiting at Lumsden for a train from the north last evening in charge of the police on route for Brandon asylum, George Hamilton, a Lumsden farmer, got away from Constable Jarvis and threw himself under the train as it pulled into the station. The unfortunate man was terribly injured, both legs being almost severed below the knee, and frightful injuries being inflicted to his skull. He was brought to this city and taken to the hospital where he now lies in a critical condition.

### SIR WM. MULOCK.

Gives Unqualified Denial to Report  
That He Would Re-enter  
Public Life.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—Sir Wm. Mullock gives an absolute and unqualified denial to a report published by United Canada, Ottawa, that he is to re-enter public life.

### GRAIN CONGESTION.

Saskatoon, Dec. 18.—The first train from Winnipeg for Asquith ran over the line yesterday. There was great rejoicing in the little town over the relieving of the congestion of grain. Over one hundred thousand bushels are in the elevators, and the bins filled with wheat are scattered all over the town. The farmers holding grain are rushed for cars, thirty of which were hauled out.

### FLOATING IN BAY.

Dead Body of Gustav Linn, a Fireman, Discovered Off Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, Dec. 18.—The floating dead body of Gustav Linn was dragged from the bay to-day, it having been in the water about two hours. He was a fireman on the tug J. M. Coleman and no one knows how he got into the bay. He had considerable money when he left the tug last night and had been drinking.

BRITISH DESTROYER  
BROKE ALL RECORDS

Tehran, Dec. 18.—Outside of a few isolated murders and robberies there have been, up to the present time, no disturbances of public order in this city. Nevertheless the situation continues most strained. The constitutionalists are quiet, but are determined to fight if attacked. They are all well armed while the supporters of the reactionaries, mostly laborers who have come in from the neighboring villages, have few effective weapons.

### BRITAIN WILL ACT.

London, Dec. 18.—The crisis in Persia had been receiving the attention of the British and Russian foreign offices for some time past, the official advice from Tehran having pointed out the seriousness of the situation. Immediate attention was demanded, and the two governments already have decided upon joint action to settle the difficulties of the case.

The Shah's parliament is trying in every way to cause trouble in the country. In this it hopes to be given a free hand, and it relies upon the people to cause a revolution. It is for this reason that the foreign offices of both governments are taking precautions.

Should intervention prevent an uprising becoming necessary it is alleged that the project would have to be carefully considered in order not to interfere with the interests of other powers, but, to use the words of an official of the foreign office, "there will be no shirking of the responsibilities undertaken."

### LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 18.—Edward King, who was found guilty of murder at the assize last fall by Chief Justice Howell, sentenced to be hanged, and afterwards given imprisonment for life, was yesterday removed by Sheriff Henderson to Stoney Mountain. The prisoner, who was handcuffed, appeared to take very little notice of the crowd at the station.

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### FLOUR MILL FOR SASKATOON.

New Company Will Carry Out Operations on a Large Scale.

Saskatoon, Dec. 18.—A company has been formed here with a capital of a hundred thousand dollars. The name is the Wilson, Leslie Company, Limited, for the purpose of building and operating grain elevators and flour mills and to deal in lumber and fuel. Major James Wilson is president. The company's operations will be on a large scale. It will build a mammoth flour mill in Saskatoon, and elevators all over the district. The mill will occupy a large acreage. The building operations will be started in the spring.

### DOMINION PAIR.

Ratemakers of Calgary Decide to Raise \$35,000 For Additional Buildings.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 18.—By an overwhelming majority the ratemakers of the city yesterday decided to raise \$35,000 to add to the buildings which are already erected, in order that the Dominion fair which is to be held here from June 29th to July 4th next may have the accommodation which it deserves. There were only 11 votes against the by-law.

### RAY OF HOPE IN GRANBY SMELTER

Superintendent Hedges Held Conference With Labor Union Committee.

Special to the Times.

Grind Forks, Dec. 18.—For the past few days labor and smelting matters here have held a normal condition, until yesterday Superintendent A. W. B. Hedges, of the Granby Co. and a committee of the labor union held a long conference. It is stated that the decision arrived at at this meeting will be voted upon at the regular weekly Labor Union meeting to-night. If the vote is favorable the smelter will be resumed at once.

In the event of the smelter and mines not resuming at once it is stated that the Great Northern railway will take all its ore cars out of the boundary and will generally reduce traffic on the Phoenix branch.

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dustrial Securities.POLITICIAN AND  
JOURNALISTHON. J. ISRAEL TART  
DIES AT MONTREALMost Prominent Canadian Frenchman  
Who Espoused Imperial Fed-  
eration Cause.Montreal, Dec. 18.—Hon. J. Israel  
Tarte died at 2:35 p.m. this afternoon  
at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr.  
Demartigny, in this city. He had been  
ill for some time.The late Mr. Joseph Tarte, who was  
well known as a journalist and states-  
man, was born in L'Anseigne, P. Q. He  
was educated at L'Assomption college,  
and was first admitted to the Notarial  
profession. Subsequently he drifted  
into journalism, and became editor of  
Le Laurentides. He successfully oc-  
cupied similar positions on Le Cana-  
dien and L'Evenement. He was first  
returned for the House of Commons for  
Bromont in 1887. He was subse-  
quently one of the chief organizers of  
the Conservative party in the district  
of Quebec. In later years he changed  
his politics and became a follower of  
Mr. Wilfrid Laurier, and in 1896 he  
was appointed as Minister of Public  
Works, which post he held for several  
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FIGHT TO-DAY.

Pugilists Engaged in Battle to Finish  
Early This Morning—Police  
Arrived Late.A fight is reported to have taken  
place at an early hour this morning at  
Colwood, on the Goldstream road, be-  
tween Jimmie Barnswell, a colored man  
of Victoria, and a German, named  
Fischer. The stakes are reported at  
250 a side. A good crowd gathered to  
witness the event, which was of  
very one-sided nature, as Barnswell  
was knocked out in about six minutes  
from the start.Early this morning the provincial  
police got word of the affair, and they  
at once dispatched Constable Conway,  
of Esquimalt, in an automobile to see  
that the peace of his Majesty the King  
was not broken. The bobbie was too  
late however, as the fight was all over  
before he arrived on the scene. There  
were present a number who went out  
in automobiles and hacks as well as  
on rigs.If rights be true, it seems that the  
contestants have been training for  
weeks in preparation for the event,  
the negro being coached by Bob Foster, the  
celebrated local trainer. It is also said  
that the fight was with bare knuckles  
and to a finish. At the end of six min-  
utes' hard pummeling Fischer landed  
Barnswell a hard one on the jaw,  
knocking him down. His second threw up  
the sponge and a few minutes later  
the police were seen coming in an auto-  
mobile. The party at once broke up,  
spreading in different directions.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

Messages Successfully Transmitted a  
Distance of 200 Miles.COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—It was an-  
nounced here to-day that wireless tele-  
graphic messages had been transmitted  
successfully yesterday between Weisensee  
Zee wireless station at Berlin and the  
Lyngby station near this city. The dis-  
tance is about two hundred miles.

YEAR'S BANK ROBBERIES IN U. S.

The annual report of Pinkerton's de-  
tective agency to the national bank-  
ers' association gives complete figures  
as to the number of bank robberies and  
attempted bank robberies in the United  
States from September 1, 1906, to  
September 1, 1907. According to this  
report, the robbers of members of  
the association totaled six and of non-  
members 58. There were eight unsuc-  
cessful attacks upon members and 26  
upon nonmembers. The former lost  
through robberies \$12,643, the latter  
\$160,449.Illinois leads the other states with  
nine robberies and four unsuccessful  
attempts. California had two robberies  
and one frustrated attempt. No  
state was entirely free from crimes of  
this kind, although some of them had  
only one attempt and no robberies,  
namely Oregon, Georgia and Mississip-  
pi. New York has a good record for  
its size with only one robbery and one  
unsuccessful attempt.Fourteen robbers who had stolen  
from members of the association were  
sentenced during the year, their terms  
totalling 12 years and 6 months. None  
of these was sent from California. Two  
were sent up from New York for indeterminate  
terms and two are awaiting  
trial in the same state.During the year mentioned 26 forgers  
who had operated against members  
of the association were sent to prison  
for terms aggregating 105 years and 2  
months. Twelve were sentenced to indeterminate  
terms and one sneak thief, W. Barrell, was given five years  
at San Quentin.Laws imposing heavy penalties, rang-  
ing from 20 years to life, for cobbers  
with explosives were passed in Col-  
orado, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri and  
Nebraska.The Juniors of the Baraca football  
team, which defeated the Y. M. C. A.  
recently, have accepted a challenge to  
play the North Wards next Saturday.  
The Baraca Seniors have challenged the  
team from H. M. S. Shearwater for  
Christmas day.To-night in the Metropolitan church  
Mrs Dickenson and Helen Badgley, the  
gifted entertainers, will give a pro-  
gramme of music and elocution. The  
concert promises to be one of the most  
refined and worthy entertainments ever  
given under church auspices here, and  
a big attendance is anticipated. The  
time of commencement will be 8 o'clock.

RECORD OUTPUT OF RADIUM.

Three grammes (about forty-six grains)  
of radium were recently made in the  
university laboratory at Vienna. This is  
the greatest quantity yet produced, and  
is to obtain it ten tons of uranium pitchblende  
will be required. The cost of obtaining  
it is estimated at \$15,000.A pound avoirdupois of radium would  
cost about \$1,700,000, and necessitate the  
use of some 1,700 tons of pitchblende for  
its extraction.GENERAL ACCUSED  
OF COWARDICEStoessel, Who Surrendered Port Ar-  
thur, Accused by Witness of  
Showing White Feather.St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The trial of  
Lieut-General Stoessel for the surren-  
der of Port Arthur to the Japanese was  
continued in this city this after-  
noon, and in the course of the proceedings  
General Stoessel was accused of having  
shown the white feather on more than  
two occasions. The accusations were made by General Guro, who  
was on the stand as a witness. The  
charge was made while the court-  
martial was investigating the circum-  
stances on General Eupatopkin's order  
of June 18th, 1904, in which General  
Stoessel was told to turn over the com-  
mand of the fortress to Gen. Smirnov  
and join the Manchurian army.General Stoessel disregarded this  
order, and it was repeated three times.  
He suppressed the copy of the order  
addressed to General Smirnov, and finally  
was allowed to remain at Port Arthur.WEST COAST  
SHIPPING REPORTSCarmarthen, Dec. 8.—Light easterly  
wind, cloudy, sea smooth, very light S.W.Cape Beale, Dec. 18.—8 a.m.—Northeast  
wind, sea smooth. No shipping.

LATE SHIPPING NEWS

AMUR BRINGS HORSES.

Bringing fifteen passengers from Quat-  
sino and way calls the steamship Amur,  
Capt. Townsend, arrived in port this af-  
ternoon from the west coast. The Amur  
also brought down the three horses  
which have been employed on the west-  
coast trail from Bamfield.Among the passengers was H. C. Oh-  
lou, coxswain of the Bamfield boatmen  
who has been in the city in order  
to bring the boat down from Sidney.Mr. Black, treasurer of the Sidney Inlet  
Mining Company, took in the round trip  
on the steamship.It is not anticipated that the Tees will  
be ready for the next sailing date and  
the Amur will therefore take her place  
on the long trip to Cape Scott on Friday.

TIDAL WAVE HIT SAN JOSE.

A dispatch from San Francisco says:  
The Panama liner San Jose, which ar-  
rived early Monday morning from An-  
ton, was struck by a huge tidal wave  
off La Union on the outward voyage  
and nearly sunk. Most of those on  
board were in bed, as it was 5 o'clock  
in the morning when the wave struck  
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what was the matter.Chief Engineer Martin, his first as-  
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TO VACCINATE A PROVINCE

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17.—As a precaution against the smallpox scourge which the provincial authorities fear will sweep over the province this year, Dr. Roberts, medical health officer, will advise that all children be vaccinated during the holidays.

CANADA'S TRADE  
WITH JAPANMORE AGGRESSIVE  
POLICY NECESSARYWheat Imports to Nippon Have  
Increased 800 Per Cent  
in Ten Years.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—In a report to the trade and commerce department, Canadian Trade Commissioner Preston, in the Orient, says the wheat and flour imports of Japan have increased more than eight hundred per cent. in ten years, and the trade is only in its infancy. But the difficulties which have to be overcome before Canadian wheat and flour can attain general favor in this market are very serious, and will never be overcome without a special effort on the part of those interested in pushing the trade.

It is certain that the products of Canadian wheat are the best in the world and that in course of time they are certain to find a market in Japan, but Commissioner Preston says the probabilities are that the present generation will long have passed away before the Canadian trade with Japan will increase to any significant extent, considering the possibilities, unless very special efforts are exerted to secure a more general appreciation of the superior quality of the Canadian product by the mass of population of the East.

At present the Orient is flooded with a quantity of flour for cooking purposes that would probably not find a sale in any other part of the world, but the Japanese are under the impression that all wheats are the same, and that "flour" is flour. Until this misconception disappears, Canadian articles will not attain favor in the markets of the East.

## JEWEL MYSTERY.

Valuable Stones in Transit From New  
York to Washington Disappear.

New York, Dec. 17.—According to the police, a valuable package was stolen on Saturday night from a wagon of the United States Express Company. It was reported, but not confirmed at detective headquarters to-night, that the stolen package contained diamonds valued at \$32,000 and was consigned by a Fifth avenue jewelry firm to parties in Washington. It was also said that in shipment the jewels are given a nominal value in order to avoid the payment of a high rate of indemnity insurance. The robbery was confirmed late to-night.

The diamonds, valued at something more than \$10,000, were consigned by Alfred N. Smith & Co. to a New York society woman who is staying in Washington. The package was taken from the wagon somewhere between the express company's office in Thirty-sixth street and Communipaw, N. J. The jewels included an emerald and diamond brooch valued at \$14,000, thirteen other brooches and a number of necklaces and rings. The driver of the wagon and his assistant told the police that they were unable to account for the package being taken from their wagon.

## FAMILY OF THIEVES.

Rainy River, Ont., Dec. 17.—Alfred Warner, the twelve-year-old boy who was sentenced by Police Magistrate Morton on Friday last to two years in the provincial reformatory for theft, was yesterday given two additional years by the police magistrate, several other thefts having been proven against him.

Warner's uncle, William Brindel, with whom he lived, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for stealing lumber from the Rat Portage Lumber Company, and Mrs. Brindel was given one year for receiving the goods stolen by Warner.

The Brindels were prosecuted by seven different firms in town, from whom, it is alleged, they stole goods aggregating in value nearly \$100.

## SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS.

New York Aldermen Willing to Permit  
Theatrical Exhibitions With Some  
Features Eliminated.

New York, Dec. 17.—The board of aldermen to-day passed an ordinance which will permit Sunday theatrical exhibitions, with certain features common to week day shows eliminated. The ordinance now goes to Mayor McClellan, who is expected to sign it not later than Friday, making possible on next Sunday a resumption practically of the old order of things which existed prior to Justice O'Gorman's supreme court interpretation of the Sunday closing law.

## MONTREAL FIRM FAILS.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—The Mount Royal department store, owned by Vanier & Lessage, went into voluntary liquidation to-day. The assets are given at \$80,000 and the liabilities at \$50,000. The failure was caused by the inability to meet payments.

## A NIGHT CAP.

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RUSSIAN NAVY  
POINT AT ISSUECZAR'S CROWNING WISH  
TO RECREATE SEA POWERIf Members of Douma Curtail Ex-  
penditure That Body Will  
Be Dissolved.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—The reconstruction of the Russian navy, which, up to the present, has been in abeyance, owing to internal troubles, has suddenly emerged to the surface, and bids fair to develop a portentous conflict as between the wishes of the Emperor and the Douma.

To-day, the Douma committee of national defence, presided over by M. Guchkov, the Octoberist leader, while discussing this year's naval estimates, sent a formal demand to Admiral Dikoff, the minister of marine, to submit to the Douma full particulars of the new shipbuilding programme, which has been worked out by the admiralty. This programme entails an expenditure of \$500,000,000.

It can be stated on the best of authority that the shipbuilding programme has been made an elaborate one, through the personal participation of the Emperor, who is fully determined to make the restoration of the Russian scattered sea power the crowning achievement of his reign, regardless of cost.

All along it has been a patent fact that the naval officers are enjoying the highest favors of the Emperor. Naval games with mechanical toys have been a common amusement at court, the Empress taking a leading part in these. His brother monarch, the German Emperor, at every opportunity, has encouraged Nicholas in his ambitions.

The first check was met from the council of ministers, to whom the naval robbery programme tentatively was submitted. The council couched its disapproval on financial grounds, and succeeded in obtaining a postponement. The financial committee of the council of the Empire, when a fortnight ago, it addressed a similar demand to-day, to the minister of marine as that made to-day, received the reply: "If this demand is persisted in, both the Douma and the Council of the Empire will be dismissed."

## DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER.

Mayor and Alderman Sued by Return-  
ing Officers.

London, Ont., Dec. 17.—As a result of a city council meeting last night, when it was decided to strike off the name of Frank Jones, for many years a deputy returning officer, Mayor Judd is being sued by Jones for \$10,000 for defamation of character, and seven aldermen for \$1,000 each. Jones was in the London west poll during the Hyatt-Gray election, and the Conservatives insisted on his removal as a deputy returning officer in the municipal elections.

## CENTURY LIBEL ACTION.

Sir Frederick Borden Will Not Accept  
Apology of English Monthly  
Magazine.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Sir Frederick Borden will not withdraw his suit for damages against the Nineteenth Century, of London, Eng., for libel in connection with the story published from the Calgary Eye Opener, despite the apology of the editor.

## COMMONS CANDIDATES.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Capt. Harry Cameron, the well-known lumberman, has definitely announced his candidature as a Liberal in Labelle county for the Commons. Welland Conservatives have nominated George Hanan, Niagara Falls, for the Commons.

## SEVENTY YEARS A DOCTOR.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 17.—Dr. William Baird, who for 70 years practised medicine in this city, and who at the age of 94 continued in active practice, died at his home here to-night. He was born in Kentville, N. S., 94 years ago.

## WINNIPEG'S HIGH REALTY.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The Rialto block, Main street, was sold yesterday to an English syndicate for \$180,000, or at the rate of \$3,000 a foot, including the building. A. M. Fraser was the owner.

## WHITTIER CENTENNARY.

Boston, Dec. 17.—The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Greenleaf Whittier, the poet, was celebrated to-day in New England by thousands of people, notable gatherings being held at those places the author had called his home.

## ENDORSED TAFT.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—With but one

member out of line when the final vote was taken, the Republican state committee in session here to-day adopted a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Secretary of War W. H. Taft for the presidency.

A Few Excellent Suggestions

A FANCY VEST,

A DRESS VEST,

A DRESS SUIT,

A TUXEDO COAT,

AN UMBRELLA,

A PAIR OF TROUSERS,

A DRESSING GOWN,

A SMOKING JACKET.

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LONG STOLES, in Isabella Fox, silk lined, at \$3.50 ..... Now All Half Price.  
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GRAY SQUIRREL STOLES, \$1.50, \$2.00, and \$2.75 ..... Now All Half Price.  
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Special Christmas price ..... \$1.75  
All our regular \$3.25 to \$4.25 Umbrellas. Now  
Special Christmas price ..... \$2.45  
All our regular \$6.50 to \$10.00 Umbrellas. Now  
Special Christmas price ..... \$4.75  
All our regular \$12.75 to \$15.00 Umbrellas. Now  
Special Christmas price ..... \$9.75

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most exquisite Xmas Gifts for Ladies  
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## THE WICKEDEST CITY.

Again the fact has been demonstrated that a really competent statistician can demonstrate almost anything on paper once he sets his mind diligently to the task. All Canadians remember the time when they were all but convinced, notwithstanding collateral evidence to the contrary, that they were being rapidly made wealthy by the National Policy. But Canadians, in the face of mathematical demonstrations, were sceptical, and concluded to risk an experiment. With that experiment they are thoroughly satisfied to-day. However, the particular case under consideration has nothing whatever to do with national or provincial or municipal politics. It has to do with one of the wonders of the most wonderful of nations—with Chicago, which has long been held up as an example of all that is disreputable in municipal and social life. Chicago, says the municipal statistician of that city, is not the wickedest place in the United States by an atom. Hypocritical Boston is the centre from which most that is vile emanates to contaminate a naturally pure nation. The proof: In Boston, according to the report, 83.7 persons out of each 1,000 were arrested in 1906, whereas the proportion in Chicago was only 44.8. In a similar manner it is shown that during the present year Boston has grown more wicked while Chicago has improved more than 50 per cent. In New York, the report says, the proportion of arrests in 1906 was 46 out of every 1,000; in Baltimore, 43.1; Pittsburgh, 77.4; Duluth, 61.9; Charleston, 77.8, and Terre Haute, 83. The statistician has also discovered that in Boston there is twice as much drunkenness as in Chicago.

"Chicago is the most honest city on earth," says the statistician, backing up his statement with tables which show that Chicago has only 187 policemen to every square mile, whereas wicked Boston has 29.5, New York 27 and Baltimore 30.

We leave the matter in the competent hands of the champions of rival cities, who will doubtless discover many weak points in the armor of the windiest and the purest of American municipalities. But we cannot refrain from remarking that the statistician's demonstration is absolutely contrary to the evidence of the senses of all who have been so unfortunate as to visit Chicago. If Boston is a wicked city we cannot understand why it has escaped the fate of the Cities of the Plain.

## GOOD AND BAD TIMES.

Canada cannot escape the consequences of her position. She lies alongside of the great American republic, a country which is subject to more and sharper commercial and industrial ups and downs than any other nation on earth. The cause of this mercurial manifestation is not easy to find out. Some say it is due to the fiscal policy of the government, others attribute it to the American temperament. There is no question that our neighbors must either rush along under a full head of steam with all safety valves tied down or proceed under a slow bell with scarcely enough energy to give them steerage way. At the present time the industrial fires are banked. The command has been issued that there must be retrenchment all along the line. And the change from fast to slow has been so sudden that neither Americans themselves nor those interested in their affairs can understand the cause of it all. One day money was plentiful and everybody jubilating over with confidence; the next currency was scarce and general gloom had spread over the face of the country. This remarkable change was bound to affect business in Canada. The banks felt the depressing influence immediately and began to make preparations for any corresponding feeling upon the part of their depositors. In this they displayed characteristic British prudence, for which they are to be commended. How long this reflex influence will be felt in Canada or how far it will extend there is no means of knowing definitely. In the worst of depressions our condition has never been as low as that of the United States. Our chief industry is agriculture, and there is no indication that the farmers have suffered or are likely to suffer to any material extent as a result of the general slackening up of business in other lines. They have gathered a fairly bountiful harvest, and they are realising exceptionally high prices. With the opening of spring many undertakings of very large dimensions will be proceeded with actively, such as the construction of the new transcontinental railway and numerous branch lines for other roads. These works will absorb all the idle labor, so that the conditions are the reverse of depressing.

But we observe that some indiscreet representatives of the Conservative party, evidently believing that a slump in the business of the country would furnish them with the opportunity to which they have looked forward with

painful eagerness for several years, are attributing the depression in some of the larger of the cities of the Dominion to the death of the National Policy. They have temporarily forgotten that they still insist, or did insist up to a short time ago, that the old policy is still alive and is responsible for the new prosperity. The farmers of Canada have their opinions upon that point, and they will support their opinions at the polls when the time comes. The Farmers' Sun, published in Toronto, puts the case very well when it says:

In Canada the tariff on dutiable imports brought into the country between '97 and '98 average nearly 31 per cent. During that period the Dominion passed through the most serious depression it has ever experienced. Between '96 and '98 the tariff on articles subject to customs taxation averaged less than 28 per cent, and in that ten-year period the country prospered as never before.

The Sun does not for one moment contend that the slight reduction in the tariff above recorded was the cause of the change in conditions. It would not so insult the intelligence of readers who know that other and greater influences were at work. What we do maintain, however, is that the experience of recent years in both the United States and Canada has forever shattered the position of those who have contended that high protection insures abounding prosperity."

We do not think the settlement of the Songhees Reserve question will be promoted by the offensive remarks of the Colonist about the Indians. Nor do we think the comments and commands, the latter uttered with all the braggadocio of an opera bouffe buccaneering chief, are intended to facilitate the removal of the people of the Songhees tribe. The property rights of the Indians are just as sacred as the property rights of their white neighbors. The property rights of these people will be protected by the Dominion government, just as treaty obligations with the natives of Canada have been faithfully observed by every government of Canada. Negotiations with the Songhees for settlement upon a new reserve are progressing. There is every prospect of a satisfactory settlement. The task would have been much easier if meddlesome busybodies had refrained from making mischief.

A British exchange expresses the opinion that the ladies have demonstrated their fitness for endowment with the franchise. Some practical joker thought to stampede a meeting of Suffragettes by letting loose a colony of mice in the midst of the assembly. But the ladies were not driven into fits of hysterics. They did not even resort to the usual and time-honored device of mounting chairs. They were absolutely cool, calm and collected. One of them actually picked a mouse and fondly caressed the harmless little creature. It is understood the circumstance has been shown to the attention of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and that important developments are expected.

The Police Morality Department of Toronto has unearthed a witch. This descendant of the lady of historic Endor was brought before Colossus Deneen, the celebrated police magistrate who is reputed to be capable of dealing effectively with all offenders on the very spur of the moment. The witch was not burned at the stake or even ducked in a milpond as might have been expected considering the place in which she was so foolish as to undertake to practice her black art. She was released on suspended sentence. Toronto must be progressing more rapidly than some of us in the West had any idea off.

Ald. Hanna is the second candidate in the field for the highest municipal honors. The worthy alderman has proved by his course in the council during the past year that he possesses the virtue of courage. He has gained many friends, and will receive stronger support in his more ambitious campaign than many people imagine.

The public is waiting an announcement from Mayor Morley as to his intentions. Also from Ald. Fell and from Ald. Henderson. Three candidates in the field for the mayoralty ought to make a very interesting fight, but a five-cornered field, with one candidate in each corner, would prove the height of municipal relativity.

A building permit was this morning granted to Park & Beaven for the erection of a one and a half-story building on Davie street, the same to cost \$2,500. Also to James Atkins for a small barn on North Park street, value \$150.

INSURANCE BILL  
IN PARLIAMENTMEASURE INTRODUCED  
BY HON. W. FIELDING

## Takes in Whole Question—Amendments Will Deal With Life Companies.

(Special to the Times).

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Hon. W. S. Fielding introduced the insurance bill in the House to-day. The royal commissioners deal with any life insurance business, but the bill introduced now takes in the whole question of insurance, although the amendments will deal with life companies.

Mr. Fielding said that the powers of the finance minister in respect to insurance should be broadened, so that he may for any violation of the insurance act withdraw the license or refuse to renew or may suspend the license as circumstances may require. The power of the superintendent should also be wider.

Regarding the appointment of trustees, any vacancy arising in the trusts which hold the investments of foreign companies in Canada shall be filled by incorporated trust companies instead of individuals as at present.

He made a reference to the deferred dividend. This was said to be much abused. The commission wanted them to abolish it and to make an annual distribution of the surplus funds.

The bill, as introduced, provides for a division every two years. Every one year was thought to be too drastic. As to new business, the commission wanted this to be shown separately from old business. This stands as it was in the new bill. Regarding salaries, any official of head-offices shall not be permitted commissions in any shape or form. This was recommended by the commission.

Any salary of \$5,000 or upwards must be noted by the board of directors. They were not forbidden to pay, but it would have to be noted. In case of salaries of \$4,000 or upwards they must be reported to the department and be published. Publicity was the best method to meet these. As to rebates, the commission asked that they be forbidden.

The fine of \$1,000 which the commission recommended against the manager or director for rebates is charged. The agent and policy-holder will be fined under the bill \$100 each.

Pensions are not forbidden, as recommended by the commission, but if given, must be approved at the annual meeting.

In regard to voting, it provides that proxies cannot be used if not authorized within two months previous to the meeting. This is to prevent the use of old proxies, as is now the case. The commission recommended standard policies. The bill provides for standard provisions. If a company wants other provisions, it must get the approval of the superintendent.

Respecting fraternal societies, it provides that in all new business the national congress table of mortality must apply. New premiums must not be used to pay off old business.

As to investments, they include all standard government securities, and bonds, stocks and debentures of list companies, in which there has been no default for five years, no default for seven years in case of bonds, and no defaults of seven years in case of preferred stock and debentures. In the case of common stock which has paid five per cent. dividend for ten years companies are given five years to dispose of stock now held, and not of classes indicated in the new bill. Very special cases can be brought to the attention of the department and they will be given six years.

## INQUEST TO-DAY.

Chinaman From Lonsdale Found to Have Died From Natural Causes.

Chin Chow, a Chinese member of the steamship Lonsdale, died in the city lockup yesterday. About ten days ago he was sent to the Marine hospital for treatment, but the people there thought he was feigning illness. The man was accordingly brought to the city lockup to await the time when he could be deputed.

At the police station he was seized with choking spells. Later on in the day he died.

Henry Roberts, purser of the steamship Lonsdale, said the deceased was quartermaster on the Lonsdale. He was subject to fits.

At the inquest to-day Dr. Gibbs stated that he was the surgeon in charge of the Marine hospital. The deceased was held in the hospital from the 5th to the 10th of this month. He was then sent to the lock-up to be held until deported. He saw him once after he was in the lock-up. Since then he held a post mortem examination. He found everything normal except a point on the membrane of the brain at the central point of the head. He judged from what he saw at the police station and from the examination that he died while in a fit. There were no signs of violence or poisoning.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the Chinaman had died from natural causes.

A building permit was this morning granted to Park & Beaven for the erection of a one and a half-story building on Davie street, the same to cost \$2,500. Also to James Atkins for a small barn on North Park street, value \$150.

This morning Hon. Richard McBride left for the mainland and will be away until next Saturday.

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—The bank clearings for the week ending yesterday show a record of \$1,145,396. This is over \$100,000 of an increase over the clearings of the week previous.

—At the regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. on Monday afternoon it was decided to change the day of meeting from the third to the fourth Monday in each month.

—On Thursday evening at 8 p.m. the regular weekly meeting of Victoria, No. 17, K. of P., will be held at Castle hall, corner Pandora and Douglas streets. Work in the knight order will be given.

—Next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Bishop Perrin will give his third lecture on "Church History," illustrated by magic lantern slides, in the Christ church schoolroom. The subject will be the time of the reformation.

—The funeral of the late Hugh Calwell took place yesterday afternoon from Hanna's undertaking parlors. The services were conducted by Rev. G. K. B. Adams. The pallbearers were as follows: Wm. Mable, Police Sergeant R. H. Walker, T. M. Brayshaw, W. C. Bryant, J. G. Hay and W. J. Clark.

—The order in council extending the open season for the taking of beaver until March 31st has been passed. In order that those trapping beaver in the upper interior may have a chance to dispose of their pelts, the season within which they are taken, it will be lawful for them to have beaver pits in their possession until August 1st.

—A special public service will be held under the auspices of the Central Baptist church on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in the Emmanuel church building. A number of believers will be immersed and Pastor Christopher Burnett will preach a sermon relevant to the occasion. A hearty invitation is extended to the public.

—At a recent meeting of the Bartenders' League the officers for the ensuing year were re-elected. At the next meeting the trustees will report. The officers elected were as follows: President, W. R. Jones; vice-president, W. Hill; financial secretary, R. Bittencourt; treasurer, E. MacEvoy; recording secretary, F. Jewel; inspector, W. Eells; chaplain, H. Mcclusky.

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## SPORTING NEWS

## THE KING.

## BRITT EXPLAINS:

Jimmy Britt, in explaining his recruitment, says that the reason fighters seldom recover their form after a decisive defeat is that public opinion has decreed that a Queensberry reawakening is impossible, and the boxer becomes disheartened and surrenders. James Edward then goes on to tell that he determined not to be a victim of what he regards as a popular delusion, and set himself the task of getting back in the ring. Britt's reason for his return to the amateur game is his desire to avenge himself on his unpleasant Colma experience in which Harvey Nelson was a disagreeable factor. Britt says he succeeded, and he smiles engagingly in response to the plaudits of a delighted populace.

It is possible Britt believes that what he says accurately describes the real situation and, if that is so, then he is much mistaken in his conclusions.

The breakdown of a pugilist is never due to anything except physical deterioration, and all talk of mental depression having anything to do with it is all poppycock.

In a majority of cases of boxers who have been compelled to retire from the game at a time when they should be at their best, their downfall is due solely to excesses of dissipation, which so reduce their vitality as to make them easy prey to men who could not under former conditions stand against them.

Terry McCovern and Young Corbett are examples of men who have exhausted their stamina by dissipation and who are out of the game when they should be in the front rank fighting for titles.

## LACROSSE AS 'TRAINING FACTOR.'

As is well known, Burns started his athletic career as a lacrosse player in Ontario, but it will be rather surprising to learn he used that form of sport as part of his training for his Moth fight. In a recent newspaper interview he said:

"Very often in the afternoons the work is varied by a game of lacrosse. I began my athletic career as a lacrosse player at Hanover, Ontario, where I was born in 1881. In this country they play a somewhat more gentlemanly game than they do in Canada or the States. When we were playing in the match game the other day between Hampstead and Lee—the score of which, by the way, was 5 to 5—they did not seem to like my heavy work, and some of them thought I was a little too rough. But I was only playing the game as it is played where I came from. I got one of my fingers smashed in that game, but it is nothing serious. It will be O. K. before the fight."

## JIM DRISCOLL.

Another English boxer is to invade the United States, and this one will bring with him \$5,000 belonging to the members of the National Sporting Club of London, who are willing to put up that amount that he can whip any featherweight in the world.

This wonder is Jim Driscoll, who is considered the cleverest boxer that England has produced since the days of Charley Mitchell, and who holds the featherweight championship of England at the present time. Driscoll has beaten Jim Bowker twice, so his backers say, practically sound Owen Moran out of England.

It would be fine, indeed, if, when Driscoll arrives in the United States he should find that the "chased" Moran was already ahead of him and had defeated the American title-holder. Abe Attell, Moran will have to go some to make such a surprise possible, but, if he does, Driscoll will find himself with a fight on his hands.

## MATCH AT LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Sam Langford, of Boston, and Tim Tarry, of Chicago, fought ten fast rounds before the Pacific Athletic Club in this city last night. Langford was awarded the decision. Both were severely beaten.

## EIGHT FOOTBALL.

## THURSDAY PRACTICE.

There will be a practice of the Rugby players to-morrow afternoon at Oak Bay grounds, commencing about 4 o'clock. As this will be the last practice before going to Vancouver, a large turnout is requested. After the practice a final selection will be made of the men who will represent the team at the Terminus City.

## GOAL.

AMERICANS FOR OLYMPIC.

"With the selection of American representatives for the Olympic games, golf contests falling on the shoulders of the United States Golf Association, the question arises: 'Who's who' in golfdom after the season's struggles, says the New York Herald.

"Unquestionably J. D. Travers stands out by himself with a triple crown—amateur, Metropolitan, (for the second year) and New Jersey champion. No one can dispute his right as the most consistently good golfer in our amateur ranks."

"For second place on the imaginary international team form makes it a toss up of a coin between W. J. Travis, Chandler Egan, E. M. Byers, Findlay Douglas, W. K. Wood, W. C. Fowles, Jr., and Frederick Herrschoff."

## TEAM CHOSEN.

The local golf club is determined to win the Triple cup. The Seattle team comes over here on Saturday and a victory for the local men is confidently expected. Victoria has for years been the centre of golfing on the Pacific coast, and some of the players are among the best in the world. The fact that Harvey Combe broke the amateur

## BABES IN THE WOOD.

Three Children Sleep ineping Forest to Avoid Stepmother.

A terrible story of "Babes in the Wood" in real life was told at the Stratford, London, police court, when Joseph and Mary Webster, of 28 Smeaton road, Chigwell, were summoned for neglecting three children—Mabel, 14; Hugh, 13; and Ernest, 10. F. Stern, prosecuting for the N. S. P. C. C., said that the little ones, who were step-children of the female prisoner, were found in a ditch in Manor road, Woodford, after a search by the police which extended over a couple of days. The children were standing in some inches of water, cold, shivering and crying. Their lower limbs were naked, and they told Constable Hinton they had been sleeping out for three nights, and were too frightened to go home, because "father and mother" had drunk and beat them.

Constable Hinton said he found the three children in a ditch in Manor road, Woodford, in about three inches of mud and water. The two boys were crying and very cold, and the girl's coat and skirt were wrapped round them. Their clothing, such as it was, was very muddy. He took them all to the police station and gave them food, which they ate ravenously. He had warned the parents as to their conduct.

Station Sergeant Clarke said that after the children had been taken to the station the female prisoner came to the station drunk and wanted to see the children, but they begged so hard not to be brought to her that he did not permit it. Witness had seen the man drunk on November 4th, when the children had been sleeping out in the forest for three nights, and witness had sent police officers to scour the district.

The syphilitic of neighbors bore out all that had been said of the drunken habits of the prisoners, and their ill-treatment of the children.

During the hearing of the case the female defendant had kept up a constant interruption, despite the warning of the bench and the warrant officer. It was apparent that both had visited public houses that morning.

B. Taburn said this was one of the worst cases he had heard. The state of the prisoners at that moment showed they were not fit to have charge of the children. The bench would, therefore, see that the children were put into a good home. The prisoners would each have six months hard labor.

## BESIEGED BY BEGGARS.

Millionaire's Widow a Prisoner at Home.

Mrs. Russel Sage, the philanthropic widow of America's most careful millionaire, still remains at her country home in Long Island in a state of siege. She has given away \$15,000,000 of the \$75,000,000 which her husband left, and with every gift she makes she receives fresh batches of begging letters from all parts of the country.

"People don't consider the woes of the rich sufficiently," she said to her secretary the other day. "We are more oppressed than anyone else, and there is no remedy apparently." Mr. Rockefeller has a powerful electric searchlight on the tower of his New Jersey country seat, which sweeps all the approaches to his home, and nobody can enter there, by night or day, without proper authority.

Mrs. Sage has not got a searchlight, but little cottages have been built as outposts on her country estate, and are occupied by guards, who protect her as best they can. However, the beggars defy all precautions—guards, dogs, servants, and police—and day we have the amazing spectacle of this aged widow, whose philanthropy and wisdom are unquestioned, complaining that she is practically denied the pleasures of an ordinary citizen, of walking or driving, or even paying a social visit to her lifelong friends. Mrs. Russell Sage will return to her New York town house shortly, under an armed guard. For the first time, her residence there will be patrolled by a special guard who will keep off all persons except those having appointments with Mrs. Sage.

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According to the latest advices from Russia the once prosperous city of Odessa has been brought to the verge of ruin by the crime that prevails there. Robberies and deeds of violence are rapidly increasing, trade is paralyzed, the citizens are panic-stricken, and the outlook for the winter is of the gloomiest description.

These conditions are said to be partially due to the miscellaneous population and the presence of a larger proportion of Jewish inhabitants than exists in any other city in the empire. The Jews number some 230,000 or 240,000 out of a total of half a million residents, but this total is now considerably reduced by the absence of those of the well-to-do who have been able to leave the city.

It is difficult to imagine the state of lawlessness and disorder now prevailing. Shops, offices, factories and banks are robbed in broad daylight. The streets are unsafe after nightfall. Many murders have occurred and scores of persons have been attacked and severely injured. Appeals to the governor-general and special deputations of prominent citizens to St. Petersburg alike prove unavailing.

In addition to these troubles, a criminal origin, other things combine to make the situation of Odessa very serious. The harvest has been poor, and there is scarcely any grain for export, and as corn constitutes more than 90 per cent. of Odessa's total exports, the loss to the trade of the port is serious indeed. Thousands of laborers are working only a day or two a week, and when winter sets in their situation will be most deplorable.

In the country outside Odessa, and, in fact, throughout the government of Kherson, conditions are generally bad. Many estates are being pillaged and much property destroyed. The country has suffered severely from a long-continued drought, in some districts lasting nearly six months, and sowing operations have been rendered futile. The prospects in the rural districts are the worst known for years, and it is feared that serious agrarian disturbances will break out before very long.

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# OUR YOUNG FOLKS PAGE

## Bragging Tom and His Undoing.

BY WILLIAM WALLACE, JR.

Tom Collins lived in the town of Green-ville, a pretty little place that was located in a western state not so very far from the Rocky Mountains. He was a big chap for his fourteen years, and prided himself mightily on his strength and bravery. Indeed so much did Tom boast that his friends had begun to call him "bragging Tom," much to the young fellow's displeasure. However, he was not displeased enough to quit his ugly habit of bragging.

At school Tom would boast that he could "whip any boy of his size in the country;" but once free of the playground and on territory where there was no rule against his displaying his prowess, should some victim come forward to help him out, Tom never felt inclined to prove his boastful words. And many had been the boys—fearless little men in their wild, western way—who had stood up to Tom and declared they were willing to be "larruped" in good old fashion—if Tom was capable of doing it—to let him prove to his friends and admirers that he was the best man of his age in the country. But Tom would toss his head and say:

"Gee whiz, boys, I could throat any two of you at the same time—with one hand! It wouldn't be fair, you see, for one of my muscle to tackle chaps of your make. No-o-o; just you wait till one of them herd-boys from the divide comes down to town on his bucking broncho. Then I'll fix him—if he's man enough to take a dare an' let me."

And it was this boastful threat against some possible innocent herd-boy who might be induced to clinch fists with Tom that brought about the bragging fellow's undoing. Two of Tom's comrades

at school had a "country cousin" of the herd-boy type. His name was Hank Snell, and while he was shy on height and weight, as compared with Tom Collins, he was a wiry fellow and as agile as two-legged animal can possibly be. This fact was proven by his friends about the ranch nicknaming him "Wildcat" Snell.

One day while Hank was busy at work on his father's ranch his two town cousins, Frank and Walt Turner, came out to pay him a visit. It was the day following the closing of the town and county schools, so the boys were free to have a jolly good time together, feeling that the long summer days were theirs for play and freedom from books. As the three wandered over the hills and through the ravines their talk turned upon the boys of their acquaintance and their characteristics in general. Then it was that Frank and Walt told their cousin of "bragging Tom," and declared that they wished he—Hank—would challenge Tom to a fair fist contest. "It's this way," said Frank, "that cowardly bragger would find some excuse to get out of the contest, and it would completely curse him of that—despicable bragging. He'd bully up at first and say that he'd meet you at any time and place; and more than that, he'd probably warn you that you'd better have an assistant in case you feared to enter the ring with him alone. That's his method, you know, bragging and doing nothing."

Hank laughed over the matter and pledged his willingness to "fix" bragging Tom if that were necessary to show him up in his true colors before his friends and acquaintances. "Not that I believe in fighting for the sake of fighting," he



## Their Journey.

They started out at dawn to ride To London Town, so far away; They crossed the sea at even-tide, And got in port at close of day.

Then cross the bridge to London Town They rode in haste, in gathering throng; And bowed "thay" to the king and queen Who in their chariot dashed along.

They supped that night in palace fair; Then homeward went the following day. And when their mamas asked them why, They said they'd come back home to stay.

—Maud Walker.

explained, "but if a little fist contest is necessary to make a decent boy out of a braggart I'm in for giving him the medicine. But homeopathic doses is my style."

"Oh, don't think it will ever come to a show down," laughed Walt. "Bragging Tom is too much of a coward to ever tackle—or be tackled, by—a boy—of strength and nerve. He's just a boaster. All we'll have to do—i'm quite sure—is to bluff him a bit and show the white feather pretty quickly. Of course, should he feel forced to 'make good' in the presence of his friends, then you'll have to administer to him the homeopathic dose in the shape of a few taps about the ears. He'll call for quarter soon enough!"

The following week "bragging Tom" was going down the street when he heard Walt and Frank Turner calling after him. He paused and waited for them to join him. After a few words about fishing and the last game of ball Tom said:

"Say, I got a note from your cousin Hank the other day. He says that he's heard I'm called the strongest boy of my age in the country. He said also that he had heard I made the boast that I could whip any boy of my weight in the country and ride any bucking broncho that ever trotted over the Western plains. He says he's to be in town Saturday and wants to meet me in a fair and square contest of fighting strength, and that he'll bring a broncho with him that nobody but himself has ever dared to mount. He says he dares me to try riding this broncho and finishes that by daring me to meet him in the ring. But, phew! Well, I think you're cousin Hank and he is too small a potato for me to even box with, let alone fight."

"Well, as for Hank's size," remonstrated Walt, "he's a better man than you, I'll wager a good deal. He's as strong as most kids of twice his size; so you need not have any hesitancy about sending him a counter challenge. And as for riding his bucking broncho—well, I've heard you say there wasn't one in the entire west that could scare you off. But as I've never seen you on horseback I'm no judge of what you can do in the like."

"And as we've heard you talk a good deal about your ability to knock out any boy of your strength and size in the country," said Frank, "we'll now have the opportunity of seeing you prove your statement. Of course, Hank isn't quite

your size, being some shorter and lighter, but he'll make up for that deficiency in alertness. He's a dandy with boxing gloves on, I can tell you."

"Oh, as for the broncho," said Tom, trying to appear undisturbed at the idea. "I'll not refuse to show you all what I can do with him. I'll agree to ride him if Hank does so. I'll make promises to ride him to town, why, I'll ride him clean down to the river."

"But you know what all the boys will say if you refuse to meet Hank in the ring," said Walt. "There's a good many who already doubt your nerve and strength. Some of the boys say you always find some excuse to slip out of proving your mettle. Now, that a boy worthy of your notice has made the challenge you'll have to come up like a man or return like a coward."

"I'll never retreat like a coward," declared Tom, a blush covering his face.

"But Hank's so small, you know. It doesn't seem fair for me to tackle him."

"Oh, we'll all declare him quite your equal," cried Walt. "It isn't always bigness that counts, remember. Hank is well-made and can give all that you care to take while he's receiving what you care to give."

"All right, then," said Tom. "But he did not speak in his usual boastful voice. Then, saying that he had to perform an errand for his father he said good-bye to Walt and Frank and hurried away, with an almost frightened look on his face.

"You see, he's weakening at the very outset," laughed Walt. "My, he does need a big dose to cure him of his big bragging which is done merely to cover his real innate cowardice. Well, I think he'll draw in his horns for good after this experience."

"Yes, for he wouldn't be a bad sort of fellow if he were not such a conceited one," admitted Frank. "We'll probably be doing him the greatest service of his life up to date by curing him of his boastful, overbearing ways."

Saturday—the day on which the bravery and strength of "bragging Tom" were to be tested—came at last, though to some of the town boys it seemed very slow in doing so. The meeting between Tom and "bragging Tom" and "Wildcat" Snell was arranged to take place on the baseball ground outside the town at two o'clock, and long before that time a dozen boys—friends of both sides—were assembled.

fore legs, then doubled up till his back resembled the half of a hoop. But Hank, an expert, never moved from his place on the doubling animal's back, though his gyrations were something terrible to see.

After five minutes of bucking most fiercely the broncho started on the run over the hill, and it was with an effort that Hank brought him to a standstill. Then, guiding him carefully, he rode him back to the group of boys. He dismounted and invited Tom to come forward, a look of resigned resolution on his face. He trembled and was pale as Hank assisted him into the saddle. In another minute he was on the ground in a bunch, having been kicked over the broncho's head at the first bound. As Frank and Hank assisted him to rise he wiped the dust from his face, saying in tearful voice:

"I can't ride; I can't. I confess I'm defeated."

Then he choked with tears and wiped his eyes on his sleeve.

"Well, you are not defeated in the fight with Hank yet," encouraged one of the boys. "Here, come and show us that you are not put down and out so easy."

But Tom shook his head despairingly.

"I ain't a coward, kids," he whimpered. "But I guess I've lost the day. We'll call it off, if you want to," he added shamefacedly. "If Hank insists—Why, I guess I'll have to fight; but after being thrown by that brute I'm—not in condition to fight; honest, I'm not."

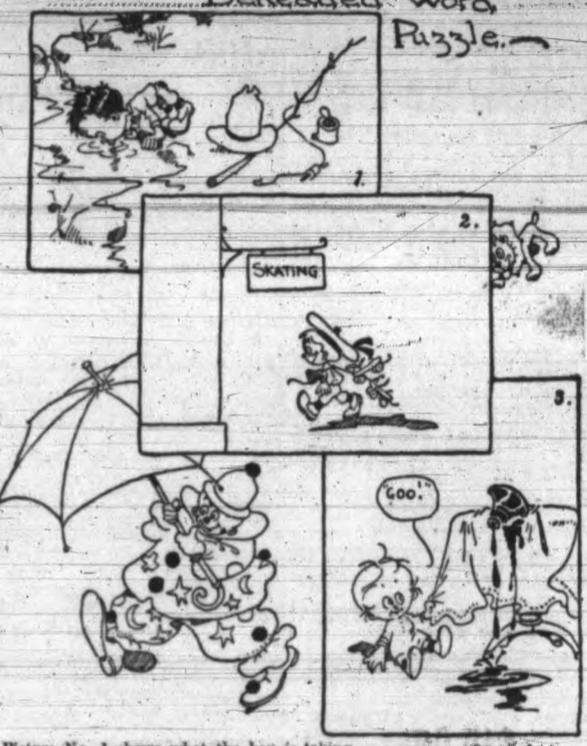
"Admit then, that you've been tested and come out the worse for it," said Hank. "If you'll fess up that you're been a bully and a bragger I'll call off the fight. If not—well, you'll have to pull yourself together and come on."

"Let it stand as you say," said Tom, not minding his eyes to the faces of those assembled about him. Then, without another word he arose and went off over the hill homeward.

Jeering laughs followed him; but even though the boys enjoyed his undoing, for they knew he deserved it, they were too honorable to taunt him with the day's "contest" afterwards. And, true it is, that Tom never bragged another time, and all the years rolled-round he became a very quiet and well-behaved boy, well-liked by his fellows, for he never forgot the lesson he had learned nor the humiliation which attended its learning.

## Bedecked Word

### Puzzle.



Picture No. 1 shows what the boy is taking. Bedeck it and you have in No. 2 where he is going. Bedeck it again and you have in No. 3 what he spilled.

## THE FAIRIES VISIT GRACIE.

BY MAUD WALKER.

"Well, why shouldn't we turn some of these little pebbles into chairs and divans?" asked the princess Lala. "What is the good of being a fairy if one doesn't use the fairy's power?" And as she spoke she waved her hand about her and there rose from the pebbles scattered about on the ground easy chairs and comfortable divans. Then the entire company—which must have comprised fifty fairies in all—found seats.

"We've come to tell you how much we appreciate your love for us," said one of the fairies, smiling on Gracie. "We don't know of another child in the whole surrounding country who enjoys us more than you do!"

"And I enjoy you in real life much more than I do in that big book," declared Gracie. "And every day I read about you to my dolls Sissy and Mabel. You see, although my dolls do not talk they can understand me," she added seeing that several of the fairies looked at Sissy and Mabel who were lying on the ground.

"Well, would you like to have your dolls talk?" asked the old fairy queen, addressing Gracie.

"Oh, that would be perfectly lovely," Gracie cried, running to Sissy and Mabel and sitting them up against the tree. "There you must be more lady-like when in company—and such distinguished company, too—is present," she said in a motherly, chiding tone.

"Bring your dolls to me," said the old fairy queen. Gracie obeyed her, placing Sissy and Mabel on the queenly lap. The dear little old fairy touched the lips of the dolls with the wee point of her tiny finger, and immediately Sissy and Mabel began to sing the prettiest little song you ever heard. Gracie's pleasure was great. She danced and laughed in glee, telling the old fairy queen that she should never—never forget her and the

great miracle she had wrought with her dear daughters, Sissy and Mabel. "Oh, how can I ever thank you enough?" she said, kneeling at the foot of the old fairy queen.

"All that we ask is that you do not forget us, said the dear little old dame. "It has become the fashion for children to not read fairy stories. They now read tales of fiction dealing with problems and questions much too old for them. In fact, the children of today are about as old as their parents, and if you tell them about us they'll shake their heads and say: 'There's no such thing as fairies. Now, you are not that sort of little girl. You delight in hearing and reading about us. And what is most gratifying to us is the fact that you honestly believe in us.'

"Indeed I do believe in you," declared Gracie. "Should I ever come to believe in fairies I should be quite unhappy."

"Why, there'd be nothing then but real people that do things just as I do," she added seeing that several of the fairies looked at Sissy and Mabel who were lying on the ground.

"Tongues to clatter too much with," put in a pretty little fairy Miss Who was seated beside the clown. "Now, will you remain quiet until called upon to speak?" she added laughingly.

"A feast, a feast, a feast!" cried a chorus of voices from the tree limbs.

"Queen Mab, give us a feast!"

The little old queen smiled indulgently on her band of fairies and waved her wand about in front of her. Immediately there appeared—as if rising from the very

earth—a table spread with all the good things to eat that child or fairy could possibly wish for. And in another minute Gracie having been invited by the queen to act as hostess at the banquet board was doing the honors of the table. About her gathered fairies of every description, old, young, little, big and great. At her right hand sat Sissy, pouring nectar from a golden pitcher into tiny glasses, and on her left was Mabel who was serving strawberries rolled in powdered sugar and swimming in yellow cream. A great pyramid of cake and ice cream was held the center of the table and was piled about by fruits, candies and a dozen other kinds of delicacies so appetizing to children and fairies.

But just as Gracie lifted a plate of sugar-cookies to pass to her guests something hit her on the cheek. She half arose—looked about her in a dazed way. Then she rubbed her eyes and then bethought the smarting place on her cheek where a nasty mosquito had bitten her a moment ago. But—where were the fairies? And, where was the banquet table? Gracie again rubbed her eyes and then bethought the dolls of the girls were lying on the ground near her. She spoke to each in turn, but they made no reply. Then Gracie looked toward the big book of fairy tales. It was open at a page where she had been reading to her dolls just a little while ago. Ah, had she been asleep? But, no, they—the fairies—had surely been there. It was that horrid old mosquito that had frightened them back inside the book-cover and stolen away Sissy's and Mabel's voices. Slowly Gracie got to her feet and looked about her. Then with genuine feeling she said: "Well, I may have been dreaming, but I believe in fairies just the same."

George Ronald Lane, who has recently been appointed by King Edward a page of honor, was born on the 21st of March, 1895, in his mother's birthday, and is very much the boy.

His new office, which is ornamental and not too onerous, is a much coveted appointment. The page is always on duty at the royal carriage when they attend any ceremonial, and are sent home in the same manner. But this dignified mode of locomotion is not, it seems, the strongest appeal to the young page.

Some one recently congratulated him on his appointment:

"Yes, it's a very nice thing," he said, with a smile. "I have to be two hours at court, and that means cutting school for those days."—St. James Budget.

"Brace up! What ails you?" asked the old hound.

"I just heard the master say he'd have to put me through the mill," replied the pup.

"Yes, he's going to train you for the hunting field."

"Oh! is that it? I thought he meant the sausage mill."—Philadelphia Press.

About the city let us go. In a jolly tally-ho! Let us crack our whip and cry.

"Gee-up, horses, Heigh-o-heigh!

Or let us in a fine auto

Through the parks so pretty go.

As like a cannon ball we shot

Down the street and o'er the hill.

With never a thought of standing still.

Or in an airship let us go.

Far above the world below.

Riding till enough we had.

Then descend and go to bed.

—FANNY FERN.

The highest elevator service in the world is that at Burgenseck, a mountain near the Lake of Lucerne, where tourists are raised 500 feet to the top of a vertical rock.

The post office in Russia is a part of the military system and all postmen are on the same basis as the soldier.



Out stepped one of the daintiest fairies in all the book's pages.

## Made-Over Old Rhyme.



One I jump; two I jump;  
Three I jump, I say;  
Four I jump with all my might,  
From on top a stack of hay.

Five I jump; six I jump;  
Seven I jump and run.  
Eight I jump right home to tea.  
And find it is great fun.

WHY MOUSIE MOVED  
A dear little mouse lived in a shoe;  
A hole in the toe served as a door;  
But an ugly old cat frightened mousie away;  
And the dear little fellow lived there no more.



Baltman—Kind of sad, isn't it, to lose sight of the land of your birth? Squeamish—I wouldn't mind that; it's losing sight of everything you have ever eaten since your birth that's worrying me.—Pittsburg Leader.



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## CAR SHORTAGE AND TWO CENT RATE

**Railways Consider Proposal Unfair at a Time They Are Unable to Handle Freight.**

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Representatives of the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. have protested to the minister of railways against the principles embodied in W. E. Maclean's bill in favor of two cents a mile on Canadian railways. They claimed that the proposal to penalize the railway companies at a time when they were not able to meet the demands of shippers for cars is unreasonable and unfair.

**PITTSBURG TO LAKE ONTARIO.**

Rochester anxious for a 12-Foot Waterway to Foster Trade.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—A twelve-foot waterway from Pittsburg to Lake Ontario, is the slogan of the delegation from Rochester Chamber of Commerce, which is meeting with the Rivers and Harbors committee of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. Mechanical lift locks and fifty-foot dams are the solutions advanced by the visitors for the problems of cost and water supply, to connect Pittsburg and Lake Ontario by a waterway through which twelve hundred-ton barges may pass up the Allegheny river to Olean, N. Y. Over the divide at Cuba, and then down the Genesee river past Rochester to Lake Ontario is the route proposed.

**CASSELL PUBLICATIONS.**

Messrs. Cassell, to be no whit behind their rivals, have soon followed up the first issue of the People's Library with a dozen new volumes, mainly fiction and poetry and essays, all of them prime favorites. There is included a Browning in leather at eighteen pence, and in cloth at eight pence, and "The Cloister and the Hearth" and "The Autocrat" at the same amazing prices.

There seems nothing left now but for publishers to give these classics away gratis, if they are to beat this limit of merit and price.—*Pall Mall Gazette*, London, Eng.

**WINNIPEG "DOPE."**

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—In conversation to-day Hon. C. H. Campbell, attorney general, stated that if the reports were true that liquor was "doped" at some of the hotel bars in Winnipeg, then such a condition of affairs was a matter for the inland revenue department of the Dominion government. It was the duty of the inland revenue department to see whether pure liquor was being served or otherwise. The matter of license came under the provincial government.

**TORONTO TO WINNIPEG.**

—Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—C. P. R. officials state that next year when the Toronto-Sudbury line is in operation they will run trains from Winnipeg to Toronto in forty hours. The following year, when the double tracking is completed, another hour will be knocked off the rapidly diminishing time.

**JOINER'S RAPID RISE.**

Now First Engineer in French Navy at Fifteen Thousand a Year.

**M. JAOUNI**, who has just been appointed director of the engineering department of the French navy at a salary of \$15,000 a year, began life as an agricultural worker. Son of a shoemaker of Lorient, he left school in 1857 at the age of twelve, and was apprenticed to a carpenter. Five years later he started out with a pack on his back to Paris, through the principal towns of France. He eventually reached Paris, where after his day's work he attended a night school.

In 1866 he returned to Lorient and drew the lucky number in the conscription drawing, which released him from serving for seven years in the army. In 1867 he was taken on in the naval construction works at Lorient, and four years later entered the Naval Technical school at Brest.

The professorship of mathematics and carpentry being vacant in the naval school at Lorient, M. Jaouni was appointed to fill the position, temporarily, but acquitted himself so well that he was confirmed in his post.

His cleverness in building a torpedo dock aroused the attention of his superiors, and he was placed in charge of construction of French warships. In 1882 he brilliantly passed his examination as second-class engineer, and in 1886 he was second-class engineer. He was decorated with the Legion of Honor for his services. For some time he has been assistant superintendent of naval construction.

**THE TREASURE HOUSE.**

Stocked from street level to roof with precious stones, jewellery, and gold and silver ware, the place is aptly named.

The Treasure House is situated in Hatton garden, Nos. 13, 20 and 21, London, which, as is well known, is the centre of the wholesale trade in gems and jewellery.

The three great showrooms contain a magnificent collection of objects in their various classes. All the leading points in the world—the gold and silver producing centres, the jewellery manufacturing centres, and the markets for precious stones—contribute to the display; while the artistic arrangement of the rooms, the superb array of fittings and showcases, and the wonder of their contents, constitute an exhibition of surpassing interest, as well as of enormous value. To wander about these rooms and examine the glorious objects with which they abound is an experience that is fascinating. The appearance of each of the three large rooms is very striking in its elegance. Each makes its own distinctive appeal to the eye.

**BATTLESHIP'S FINE SHOOTING.**

During battle practice of Tetuan H. M. Albion, of the Atlantic fleet, scored twelve hits out of fifteen rounds fired.

This fine shooting constitutes a record for this mark of gun. The Albion's guns are designated Mark VIII., and

weigh forty-six tons each.

**DISAPPEARING COFFINS.**

A graveyard attached to the church of Lyme Regis, England, is disappearing owing to the erosion of the sea. Some coffins may be seen projecting from the sides of the cliffs, and others, with their contents, have disappeared in the sea. The country council have been appealed to, but the clerk pointed out that authority was not given for sea erosion.

**DISAPPEARING COFFINS.**

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**PUMP ZUYDER ZEE DRY.**

Holland has set engineers to work to pump the water out of the famous Zuyder Zee and turn it into dry land. When this work is accomplished there will rise, where 4,000 fishermen now sink their nets, farms and homes for 50,000 Dutchmen.

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## PRESSING FOR THE MILL STREAM ROAD

**The Motor Club Is Urging This Work Upon the Provincial Government.**

The provincial government is being urged by the Victoria Motor Club to commence work at once on the proposed new Millstream road in order to provide work for the numbers of men who are at present out of employment. It was pointed out at a meeting held in the club room last night that the men can hardly be all accommodated at the Point Grey clearing, and that this would be a splendid opportunity to get the work done and at the same time aid those who are seeking employment. This will be laid before the government, through the chief commissioner of lands and works, to whom a communication will be sent at once. Letters will also be written to the local members of the House and to the board of trade, asking what has been done of late in the matter.

It is understood that the report of Dennis Harris, who is making the survey, will not be ready before the middle of January, but the club do not see why the work cannot be commenced at once.

As the climate of the Victoria district is particularly well suited to outdoor work in the winter season, the plan seems to be a very good one.

The club will take a run on Christmas day through the suburbs of the city, and a photographer will go with them and take views at convenient spots, and these will be used for advertising the city. In the past this manner of advertising the city has been a most effective one, and now that the motor club has so enlarged its membership some very interesting photographs should be obtained.

The club secretary was instructed to forward a number of the "Go Slow" and "Keep to the Left" signs to the municipal clerks of the Oak Bay. The parks committee has also agreed to distribute some and post them in conspicuous positions.

**CORONER'S INQUEST.**

Verdict Rendered in the Case of C. Waller, Whose Body was Found Sunday.

At the inquest held yesterday afternoon touching the death of C. Waller, whose body was found in Beacon Hill park on Sunday after he had been missing for a week, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased "came to his death on or about December 7th, by wounds, self-inflicted, while he was in a state of despondency caused by mental trouble."

William Dennison told of finding the body lying in the bear pit near the bear pit at Beacon Hill park on Sunday morning last. He did not move the man, but telephoned for the police.

W. A. Lindsay testified that Waller had been making arrangements to take over the house, 530 Menzies street, at which place the deceased had been living. Witness said that Waller had been greatly worried over the fact that he had been unable to withdraw his deposit in a San Francisco bank, his draft having been returned to him with the notification that sixty days' notice was necessary for withdrawal.

Two other witnesses gave evidence and the jury, after a few minutes' deliberation, returned the verdict given above. The funeral is to take place this afternoon.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS.**

**DRIARD.**

M. W. Parfy, Victoria: H. M. Burritt, J. W. Curran, Geo. Mather, Sidney Williams: A. Goldberg, H. A. Jones, Vancouver: A. R. Collins, Bamfield: C. R. Goukse, S. F. Mackenzie, A. R. Baker, Vancouver.

**KING EDWARD.**

F. W. Harris, Vancouver: Charles S. Birch, N. Saanich: Mrs. S. J. Hagan, Chemainus: M. A. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas, Baltimore: Mr. Gannon, Mrs. Gannon, Calgary: Sophie Schroeder, E. F. Lang, Port Townsend: F. C. Gantham, S. Phipps, H. Phipps, H. B. Morley, Geo. N. Scott, W. J. Sturton, Mrs. Sturton, Vancouver: R. Hawes, George A. Kennedy, Vancouver: Leonard J. Robinson, Calgary: J. K. McKenzie, Friday Harbor: F. P. Peckin, Vancouver: F. Lloyd, Westholme.

**WETHER BULLETIN.**

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

The pressure is lowest on the British Columbia coast, but remains highest over Eastern Oregon and the centre of the Mississippi valley. Light falls of snow and sleet and rain have occurred on Vancouver Island and the west coast, and throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Temperatures are about normal on the immediate coast, but lower inland on the plateau lands while in the prairie provinces it has become much colder, reaching 12 below zero at Battleford and below for those who do not advertise.

**WEATHER BULLETIN.**

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday: Victoria and Vicinity—Northerly and easterly winds, generally fair and cold.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, generally fair and cold.

**REPORTS.**

Victoria—Barometer, 30.29; temperature, 55, minimum 34; winds, direction N., velocity 5; rain, 62; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 32, minimum 20; wind, direction N.E., velocity 4; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 38, minimum 12; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Neah, Wash.—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 35, minimum 25; wind, direction E., velocity 18; rain, 18; weather, cloudy.

Spokane, Wash.—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 35, minimum 25; wind, direction E., velocity 18; rain, 18; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 35, minimum 25; wind, direction E., velocity 18; rain, 18; weather, cloudy.

Tacoma—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 35, minimum 25; wind, direction S.E., velocity 5; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 45, minimum 45; wind, direction S.E., velocity 4; weather, clear.

Port Simpson—Barometer, 30.36; temperature, 35,



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SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION.

Lieutenant Shackleton to Make for the  
Ice on New Year's Day.

In the following telegram from Christchurch, New Zealand, Captain England of the Nimrod, which is taking out Lieutenant Shackleton's South Polar expedition, states that a start for the ice-fields is likely to be made on New Year's Day:

"We left Capetown on October 5th and experienced heavy weather during the first half of the voyage. The ship proved excellent in heavy weather. We sighted New Zealand on Tuesday last, and arrived at Lyttelton yesterday.

"We had a good proportion of westerly winds and a steady average speed of six and a quarter knots. Our average coal consumption while steaming was four and a half tons. Dredging operations were carried on along with the collecting of biological specimens whenever possible.

"The Lyttelton harbor board has generously made us free of port dues and great interest is shown in the expedition throughout Australia and New Zealand.

"We expect to leave Lyttelton on January 1st. Fifteen ponies have arrived here from Shanghai, and our dogs are also here."

**BRITAIN'S AERIAL HARBORS.**

Aeronaut Can Descend in Case of  
Emergency and be Sheltered  
Against Gale.

A gale which brought disaster to the Null Secundus, the first British military airship, taught the officers of the balloon corps at Aldershot a lesson from which they have already profited by recognizing that a mishap during an extended cruise may necessitate a sudden descent some distance from Aldershot, and they have set to work to discover suitable natural shelters or "aerial harbors" in various parts of the country.

A special map has been completed upon which is defined in red places which have been specially chosen, such as hollows in woods, shelters at the foot of hillsides and deep gravel pits, where an airship may descend, in case of emergency and be sheltered against a gale. Aeronauts in future cruises will be equipped with this map.

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### WHALERS MEET WITH SUCCESS.

The steamship Otter, which arrived in port yesterday from Ladysmith with 50 tons of coal for the C. P. R. wharf, brought news that the steam whalers at the Page's lagoon depot of the Pacific Whaling Company are meeting with uninterrupted success. Fully three dozen whales had been towed to the station from the time it opened to Sunday last. On Saturday two whales were brought in and another on Sunday. The Otter took the second shipment of oil consisting of 500 barrels from the station to Vancouver, where it was loaded on the Ganga of the Holt line for shipment to Scotland.

No fertilizer has yet been shipped from the station, although a considerable quantity is on hand. A large crushing machine was brought over from Seattle a few days ago by the Princess Royal and is now on the C. P. R. wharf awaiting shipment to the Nanaimo station. The machine will be used for pulverizing the bones of whales for guano.

With the exception of two days, during which very heavy gales prevailed, the whalers have been able to hunt their gigantic game without cessation.

### CHARTERS.

Another quiet week has passed in the coast charter market. There is a great amount of tonnage now on hand at the various ports and under engagement to load, so it is not likely any great activity will be experienced in charters before thirty days or more.

In speaking of the present situation along the coast the San Francisco Daily Commercial News in its weekly review of the charter market says: "The disengaged tonnage on the coast is considerably lighter than it was a year ago, but the demand is equally light, and rates show the effect of this situation. The accepted rate for steamers grain loading is now 30s, two having recently been fixed at that figure."

"Decline of charter rates for steamers to carry wheat and flour from Pacific coast ports to the Orient and the Continent has forced the regular steamship lines operating from San Francisco, Tacoma, Seattle and Portland to cut rates on foodstuffs 50c. a ton to both Chinese and Japanese ports. The new schedule will go into effect the first of the year, and is good for six months. The new tariff will be \$4 for Hongkong and \$3.50 to Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki.

"The lumber trade has slackened noticeably and fixtures, outside of some for Mexican ports are far between. One steamer was taken for Portland to the Orient at \$s. on gross register, and a sailor has been fixed to arrive Puget Sound to one South African port, 58s. 3d., two ports 58s. 3d.

"Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney 25s. 2d.; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 35s. 2d. 35s. 6d.; to Port Pirie, 2s. 2d.; to Fremantle, 35s. 4d.; to Japan ports (steamers), 25s. (sail), 35s. 6d.; to direct nitrate port, 4s. 2d. 4s. 6d.; Valparaiso for orders, 47s. 6d. 50s. 2s. 6d. less to a direct port, South African port, 58s. 6d.; Guaymas, 32s. 2d.

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"Wireless apparatus is to be installed on the steamer Port Pirie, which will make it possible for the wireless company to give Tacoma the first liner operating regularly in the Alaska service to be equipped for wireless communication, says the Ledger.

The steamship Lake Manitoba passed Ingraham at 2 o'clock this morning, and is due at Liverpool at 7 o'clock to-night.

R.M.S. Aorangi arrived at Honolulu from Victoria for Sydney on the 15th inst.

The British steamship Kumeria sailed yesterday from Seattle for the Orient.

The overland liner barque General de Negrier, from London for Port Townsend, has arrived at Hobart, Tasmania.

The Holt liner Teucer, from Puget Sound and Victoria for Genoa and Liverpool, passed Suez on the 15th inst.

The work of repairing the damaged C. P. R. steamship Charmer, which sustained severe damages when in collision with the Tartar, is proceeding rapidly, and it is expected that she will be ready for service shortly.

The Victoria Machinery Depot Company's workmen are overhauling the winches and deck gear of the Canadian-Mexican liner Georgia, now in Esquimalt harbor. The Georgia will sail for Comox on Thursday night to hunker.

Considerable progress has been made on the new steamer which is being built for the Hudson's Bay Company to replace the steamer Mount Royal, lost in Kinsol earlier this year. Another name will be given to the vessel at the Graham Lumber Company, who have already erected the frames and has the hull well under way.

D.G.S. Quadra will leave for the west coast to-night with stores for the various stations.

**TIDE TABLE.**

Victoria, B. C., December, 1907.

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13	12:18 2.4	10:15 9.0	16:24 6.3	18:00 2.6				
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The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as far as can be ascertained.

The "true" height of the tide is measured from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to mid-night. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The production of silk ribbons at St. Etienne, France, in 1905 amounted to \$10,000,000—an increase of \$3,000,000 over the preceding year.

### ARE EARTHQUAKES INCREASING?

By Professor John Milne, F.R.S., in the London Mail.

For the world, taken as a whole, our records do not carry us sufficiently far back to say whether earthquakes are increasing or decreasing in number. From observations at the present time we know that every year sixty world-shaking earthquakes are recorded—that is to say, sudden yielding take place in the process of rock folding, as for example, in the building of mountain ranges. The popular idea that this class of earthquake is on the increase is simply because their origins have been in inhabitable places. It is fortunate for humanity that the greater number of these megasismic efforts have for the most part origins beneath deep oceans or in desert countries. A result of the collapse and fracturing of rock masses is that intermittent settlement of which gives rise to about 30,000 minor earthquakes a year. Britain's annual contribution to this number is about half a dozen.

Blessings in Disguise.

These received shakings of the ground have often been regarded as a curse upon humanity, but they may also be looked upon as blessings in disguise. Each earthquake we feel is an announcement that rocky strata are being folded—that the crust of our world is behaving like the bellows of a concertina when it is slowly closed.

If this process were not in operation it's easy to picture what would happen. We know fairly well how many cubic miles are carried by rivers and other agencies from land surfaces to be deposited in the sea. We can, therefore, calculate how many years it would take before every land surface would be covered by the rising tides. This would have occurred ages ago had there been no buckling crust. Earthquakes tell us that this buckling is still in progress and therefore, like rainbows, indicate that the world is not yet to be destroyed by inundation.

But when will earthquakes cease and the degrading processes of surface denudation be no longer unopposed? This question cannot be answered until earthquake catalogues referring to the whole surface of our world, have been extended over periods of time which will give us a measurable rate of the changing seismic vitality of our planet.

As an instance of the saving which will be occasioned should the amendment be made, it may be said that the expense of entering and clearing the Princess Royal, which is now on the Seattle run from this port, will be reduced by about \$1 a trip. Calculating from the rates made in a year by the C.P.R. regular steamship a saving of something in the neighborhood of \$2,000 can be looked forward to.

**MARINE NOTES.**

The steamship Besse-Dollar-left Guayaquil on the 12th inst. for Nanaimo.

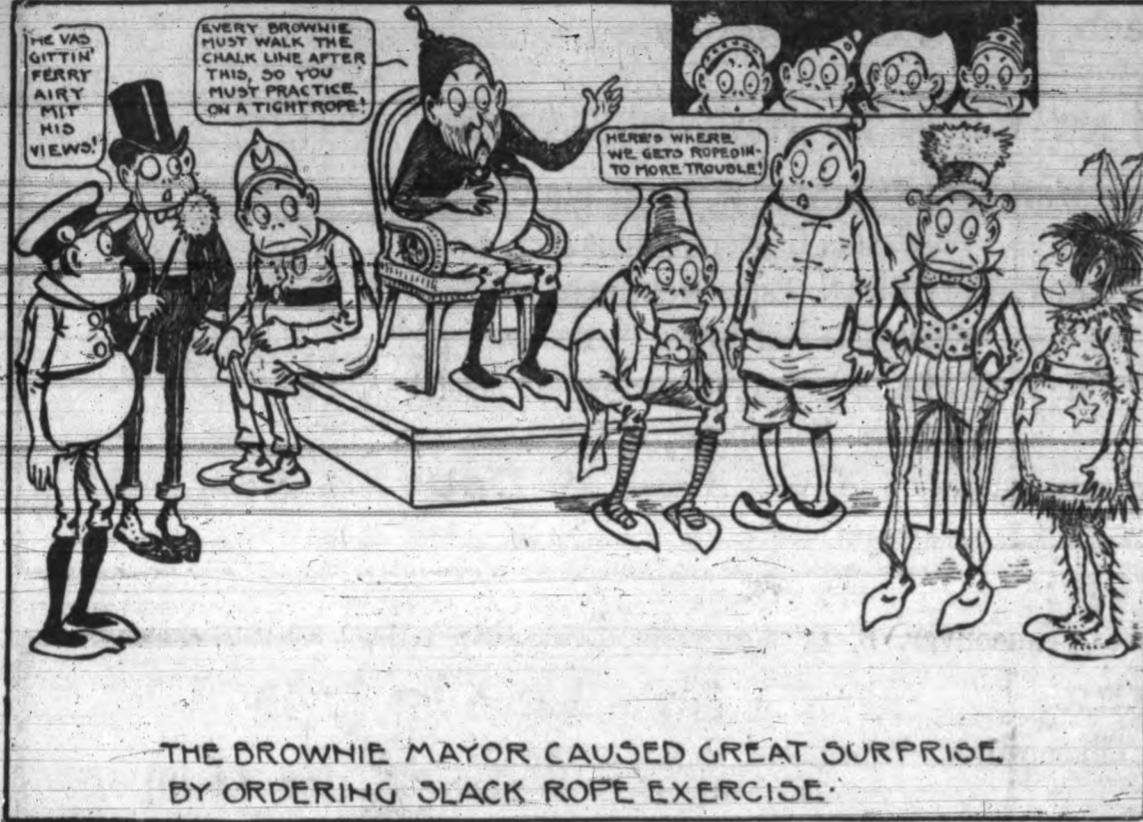
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COMING SECTION...

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#### SOLICITOR:

George H. Cowan, Esq., K. C., Vancouver, B. C.

#### TRUSTEES:

Yorkshire Guarantee and Securities Corporation, Vancouver, B. C.

The Chartered Bank of British Columbia is being formed to meet in part the increased banking accommodation required by the natural and steady expansion of business, coincident with the great development of the country and especially of British Columbia, and, while organizing to conduct a general banking business, will give special consideration to the industries and commerce of the Province, and is being established primarily for this purpose, and through its connections in Great Britain, the United States and Eastern Canada, it will be able to greatly facilitate the investment of outside capital in the various enterprises of the Province.

British Columbia, with its great wealth of raw material in timber and minerals largely developed, with its opportunities for cattle ranching, mixed farming and fruit growing, with its fisheries and its increasing maritime trade with the Orient, Australia, Mexico and South America, and, above all, in the approaching development of its vast Central, Northern Interior, and Vancouver Island, by railway construction, will be immensely benefitted by the establishment of a Chartered Bank having its **CHIEF OFFICE** in the Province, and controlled by a Board of Directors entirely familiar with the resources and the needs of the country, whose names alone are a guarantee for the success of the undertaking.

Under the Banking Laws of Canada, a Chartered Bank has also this additional earning power—that for every dollar of paid-up capital it can issue its bills to that amount, thus doubling the earning power of its stockholders' money.

For instance, the Authorized Capital of the Chartered Bank of British Columbia is \$2,000,000.

If this were fully paid up the Bank could issue \$2,000,000 in Bills, thus earning for its stockholders dividends on \$4,000,000, giving the Bank a double earning power on its capital.

The profits on bank stock are distributed to the stockholders in two ways:—

1. Dividends paid direct to the stockholders.
2. Profits over and above dividends placed to Rest Account, which increases the value of their stock.

It is therefore scarcely necessary to point out that the shares of chartered banks in Canada are recognized as being among the safest and most profitable of investments.

#### Bank Stock offers to the investor:—

- (1) A safe investment.
- (2) An investment easily convertible.
- (3) A profitable investment.
- (4) An investment increasing in value.

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The stock of a Chartered Bank that has been going for some time sells so readily that it must be purchased at the large premiums at which the shares sell in the open market.

Banks have the power of easily increasing the amount of their Capital Stock; but whenever they do so, the new stock must first be offered pro rata to existing shareholders.

In every case where this has been done, the existing shareholders have taken up the whole of the issue, and the general public has been unable to obtain any part of it.

The following table shows what some Canadian Banks have done in the past for their shareholders:—

BANK.	Par Value.	Present Selling Price.	Annual Dividends Now Paid.
Montreal	\$100	\$235	10 per cent
Commerce	100	160	8 "
Nova Scotia	100	279	12 "
British	100	155	7 "
Merchants	100	156	8 "
Dominion	100	220	12 "
Toronto	100	202	10 "
Royal	100	225	10 "
Hamilton	100	185	10 "
Traders	100	125	7 "
Imperial	100	198	11 "
Standard	100	213	12 "
Molsons	100	190	10 "
Eastern Townships	100	156	8 "
Ottawa	100	215	10 "

The actual returns of existing Canadian Banking Institutions to shareholders, after setting aside a portion of the yearly earnings as a "Reserve Fund" or "Rest Account," have ranged for the past ten years from six to as high as twelve per cent. per annum, and payable half yearly.

During recent years the earnings of many Chartered Banks in Canada have been over fifteen per cent. per annum.

#### Directors

The gentlemen who have consented to act as Provisional Directors are large stockholders, who have been successful in their own business affairs, and in whom the public have the highest confidence.

Their selection will have to be ratified by the first meeting of the shareholders. Additional directors will also be selected from among the shareholders at the said meeting, by the shareholders themselves, so that they will have a direct opportunity of seeing that the affairs of the Bank are entrusted to careful and competent management.

Arrangements have been made whereby the office of General Manager will be filled by a well known and experienced banker.

#### Terms of Subscription

The terms of subscription are \$10 premium on each share upon the signing of subscription, \$10 upon each share of stock within 30 days after date of subscription, and \$10 on each share of stock upon allotment by the Provisional Directors, and eight equal monthly payments of \$10 each per share, the first of such payments to be made thirty days after allotment, and the succeeding payments at intervals of thirty days. On payments made in advance of monthly instalments, interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed.

#### Applications for Stock

Applications for stock may be made to the Secretary of The Chartered Bank of British Columbia, Vancouver, B. C. All cheques, drafts, money orders and other remittances on account of subscriptions for stock should be made payable to The Yorkshire Guarantee & Securities Corporation, Vancouver, B.C.

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## The Opium Habit

By Madame Farman in Paris Ex-change.

It was recently asserted by members of medical and hygienic societies that the growth of the alcohol habit in France was becoming little less than a national calamity. Absinthe, what are known as "appetizers," in a word alcohol in one form or another, it has been affirmed is responsible for the gradual mental and physical deterioration of the race, the vast majority of patients in lunatic asylums in sanatoriums being recruited, among persons who indulge to excess in strong drinks, the basis of which is always alcohol.

Whence It Spreads.  
But the opium habit, according to recent revelations, constitutes in many respects a yet greater social danger. Slaves of the narcotic indulge in their depraved taste clandestinely, consequently there is considerable difficulty in ascertaining the real truth concerning opium traffic, or in endeavoring to counteract the evil. Like the proverbial spot of oil, it spreads from the colonies to the southern seaports in France, from the south to the capital, wrecking physical and mental energy, and transforming sane, healthy men into maniacs.

A Fashionable Den.  
In passing it may be interesting to recall certain incidents connected with the opium habit which were brought under public notice in Paris some five or six years ago. A rumor went forth that a swarm of opium dens were flourishing in the metropolis, and the authorities urged on to action by the voice of public opinion, set to the task of unearthing them. In my journalistic capacity, I, with numerous members of the craft, kept close on the heels of the authorities until they raided a fashionable den, situated not far from the Triumphal Arch at the top of the Champs Elysees. The house was kept by a Frenchwoman, the widow of a Chinaman, who had succumbed to excessive indulgence in the opium pipe. The lady was fat, fair and forty, though she looked to be sixty, so completely had all youthfulness been smoked out of her appearance from the day her defunct husband initiated her into the "joys of paradise."

How It Was Furnished.  
I remember distinctly the aspect of that opium saloon, whereof I contrived to get a glimpse. The room was furnished with all manner of Chinese pottery, and on the walls figured portraits of pigtailed gentlemen, and narrow-eyed, yellow-skinned ladies. There was an abundance of luxurious couches provided for the comfort of the misguided creatures frequenting the den, and the general surroundings were exotic. It was "Madame" herself who prepared the pipe for the ladies and gentlemen of high degree, who came to her house to

ing a patient from the deadly drug, when once it holds the prey in its grip.

Retire With a Fortune.

It is said that the clandestine purveyors of opium rapidly enrich themselves, and when they have a snug little fortune they prudently withdraw from the capital and settle in some provincial town, or in the colonies, where they no longer exercise their disgraceful calling save to oblige a few favored clients who are made to pay a fabulous price for the precious poison delivered them. They become "respectable and respected" members of society, who are supposed to have earned their right to retirement by years of commercial activity in Paris, and their reputation as honest citizens of the republic is beyond suspicion!

Why Not Raid Paris Dens?

In a work entitled "Opium in Paris," the writer thereof entreats the legislative bodies to give prompt attention to the clandestine traffic in narcotics and poisons, affirming that the future of the French race is at stake. It is assuredly difficult to run to earth the clandestine opium purveyor or the keeper of an opium den, which to all outward appearance is a wine shop, a cafe, or a tea establishment. The secret is well kept by those who frequent such places, and whose constant dread is to be debarred from obtaining the drug, which gradually leads them on to physical and mental decadence. But with efficient detectives, such as the French prefect of police has at his disposal, it ought certainly not to be impossible to discover and raid Paris opium dens, close with such haunts, and prosecute the keepers thereof. Now that the note of alarm has been sounded, the authorities should get to the task of cleansing the City of Light of all such abominations. In French seaports, and in the colonies much good work in this direction has been accomplished, but the mysteries of Paris, it appears, are harder to fathom.

The Morphine Habit.

It is already sad enough to hear how in beautiful France the morphine habit is yearly claiming more victims. Here the authorities may be powerless to act because the slave to morphine gratifies his deplorable passion in private, aided and abetted by some unscrupulous doctor, who supplies him with the drug, ostensibly as an opiate, or pain reliever. With regard to opium dens, the case is different, and the sooner one hears of raids on such establishments the better for the future of the French race.

NORTHWEST FUND.

Amount Contributed to C. N. R. For Traffic Enlargement of Fort Saskatchewan Bridge.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 17.—A sum of \$45,000, the last of the fund remaining in respect of the liabilities incurred by the Northwest Territories, will be disposed of, following the decision of Hon. J. D. Cameron, Winnipeg; William Martin, Regina; and W. A. D. Lees, Fort Saskatchewan, arbitrators in the case heard in the office of the attorney-general, Regina. The sum represents the share contributed by the Northwest Territories to the Canadian Northern Railway Company for the traffic enlargement of Fort Saskatchewan bridge.

Grave Indictment  
Of the Japanese

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Mme Josephine Rinville

for some time; head has ached and aches; has slept poorly, been quite nervous, and nearly fainted once or twice; head dizzy, and heart-beats very fast; then that bearing-down feeling, and during her periods she is exceedingly despondent. Nothing pleases her. Her doctor says: "Cheer up, you have dyspepsia; you will be all right soon."

But she doesn't get "all right," and hope vanishes; then come the brooding, morbid, melancholy, everlasting BLUES.

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If you have some derangement of the female organism write Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, Vegetable Compound, 61 Broad Street, Boston, Mass., for advice.

Grave Indictment  
Of the Japanese

B. PYONG K. YOUNG  
In London Daily News.

In an article, strongly pro-Japanese in its tendency, which recently appeared in an American review, Mr. Adalai Klimowski claimed that the Korean question is not of yesterday nor of the day before yesterday nor of the day before yesterday with Japan, and that for centuries, ever since the invasion and conquest of the Hermit Kingdom by the Empress Jingo in 207 A.D., Korea has been flirting with Japan.

There is absolutely nothing in Korean annals that would attest the truth of this statement.

At the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war the Japanese government announced that it had two main objects in view—the maintenance of the independence and territorial integrity of Korea and the confluence of the "open door" for trade in the Far East. The Japanese publicists proclaimed, time after time, that Japan was not fighting for herself alone, but for all civilisation, and for the commercial benefit of all trading nations. Every American and English merchant and other men in the Far East fully expected that Japan would keep her word.

In Korea, both the people and government, placing full confidence in these solemn promises, made alliance with Japan. By virtue of this treaty the country was open to Japan as a basis of her military operations, and the Korean government and people assisted the Japanese in every possible manner in their struggle with Russia.

We believed at that time that Japan, while dealing possibly stern measures

against the corrupt officials, would afford justice to the common people, and give honest advice in the administrative work. We believed that Japan would seize the occasion and lead the Korean Liberals in their efforts to bring about the necessary reforms.

Change of Policy.

Then came the succession of remarkable Japanese victories, and the policy of the statesmen-administrators altered to one of absolute absorption.

To our amazement and great resentment Japan has been, and is, playing an ugly, unjust, inhuman, selfish and brutal role instead of adopting the policy of a fair and equal opportunity for all.

The Japanese have taken over the entire machinery of the government of our country, and are using it solely and directly for the financial profit of the Japanese people. They are officially and unofficially pushing forward schemes of extortion, robbery and cruelty, which in three years have inflicted more actual damage than the worst government of the old style could have done in thirty years.

The finances were taken over by the Japanese, and have been shamelessly exploited for their peculiar benefit. Hundreds of Japanese subjects have been engaged, at salaries often three or four times as much as they would be given in their own country.

Education in Korea.

The Japanese talk loudly about the education for the Koreans, but they do nothing more than that. The so-called educational system is not to educate Koreans with science or art, but to exterminate the Korean language, and

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## ACTUAL RESULTS.

THE MUTUAL LIFE OF CANADA in this city is now, if any equals, and has never been excelled by any Canadian Company. ALL its surplus belongs to its POLICY-HOLDERS. LOWEST EXPENSE RATIO TO INCOME OF ANY CANADIAN COMPANY. NOT ONE DOLLAR LOST during 37 years of the MILLIONS received from and invested for Policy-holders' security.

substitute the Japanese. The Japanese do not allow the Korean young men to go abroad for their education, under the pretence that when the Koreans go abroad they will preach the anti-Japanese doctrine instead of engaging in study.

The Japanese look upon the Koreans as lawless prey. In the northern city of Pyeng Yung the Japanese carried on enormous confiscations of land. A Korean in that city was ordered by a Private Japanese to sell his house for a quarter of its value. He demurred at this, but was seized, dragged away to a neighboring Japanese barracks, and given a severe beating. In his shame and anger he took morphine and killed himself. Almost before his body was cold the Japanese came again and demanded that his widow should sell the house at the price suggested. She refused that she would die first.

A Korean boatman attempted to go under the bridge at Pyeng Yung while it was under construction. This was forbidden, but there was no sign to indicate the fact. The Jap railway coolies turned him out of his boat. He clung to some timbers in the water, but the Japanese beat his hands with the railroad bolts until his fingers were broken and he fell off and was drowned. Independence Departed.

Most of the Japanese coolies who are coming over to Korea are paupers. They use their brutal force as their capital, and take the property of Koreans and pay for it with swords and with beatings instead of with money.

Our independence is gone, our goods are stolen, and we are being driven to the grave by the Japanese.

It is a well-known fact that the Korean cabinet is a cabinet organized with the Japanese Koreans and not by Korean patriots. Even though the members of the cabinet were the Japanese Koreans who stood as dummies for Japan, they could not have dared even to ask his Majesty to abdicate unless they were hard-pressed by the iron fingers of the Japanese, for they were well aware that the fate of a traitor's death would fall upon their heads.

The people rose to protest against the inhuman and brutal actions of Japan, such as described above, but the Japanese machine guns have carried them away to their mournful graves, and the few survivors are now living their lives in prison.

Regarding the "open door" policy already Japan has violated her solemn promises. To prove this the writer quotes the words of a well-known British merchant in the Far East, who said to a British war correspondent, "The British loan to Japan is the very knife that cuts the throats of the British merchants in the Far East."

In conclusion, the writer ventures to foretell that there cannot be any peace in the Far East until all the Koreans are killed or they regain their independence and lost properties and freedom.

## NATIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION.

Best Law Ever Enacted in Interest of Capital and Labor.

New York, Dec. 17.—Seth P. Low was elected president at the closing session to-day of the National Civic Federation, succeeding August Belmont, who was obliged to resign owing to the press of private business.

The diversified interests represented clashed in sharp but good-natured debate to-day.

S. L. Landers of the United garment Workers' Union of Canada, said the Canadian law practically prohibiting strikes and lockouts was the best measure ever enacted in the interests of capital and labor. When Mr. Gompers asked what would prevent a firm closing down on the pretext of necessity, Mr. Landers replied: "A tree must be planted before it can be pruned and watered."

"No matter what may be done in any other country," said Mr. Gompers, "we will prevent a law that imposes practical confiscation on the one hand and imprisonment as a penalty on the other."

Change of Policy.

Then came the succession of remarkable Japanese victories, and the policy of the statesmen-administrators altered to one of absolute absorption.

To our amazement and great resentment Japan has been, and is, playing an ugly, unjust, inhuman, selfish and brutal role instead of adopting the policy of a fair and equal opportunity for all.

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In de dirty mud for dig.  
Better go and live wid oder little  
hog.

But it don't often happen so.  
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Maye accident yo meet to-day.

So just don't cry.

But make one great big try.

Wit "Baby's Own" to wash dat dirt  
away.

Oui "Baby's Own Soap,  
Is—bon saven—good soap,  
Makes all sirt go fast—yes sir ee.  
Will clean me up quick,  
Dat's mighty

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CHAS. A. M'GREGOR, 162 Blanchard street. Jobbing a specialty. Twenty years' experience. Orders promptly filled. Phone 2145.

### DINDALE & MALCOLM, Builders and Contractors.

### BRICK AND STONE BUILDINGS A SPECIALTY.

DINDALE, MALCOLM,  
200 Quadra St. 52 Hillside Ave.

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NO MATTER where you bought your shoes, we will repair them. H. H. Higgs, 2 Oriental Ave., opposite Pantages Theatre.

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VEERY FINE CYCLAMEN from 25c. to \$2. Freesias, ferns, primulas, and other plants. A visit to our new conservatory will please you. Flewin's Greenhouse, Park road.

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MIXED PEEL, per lb.	20c
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FURNITURE

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CIRCUS MAGNATE DEAD.

Gus Ringling Was Head of Combi-

nation Which Controlled Touring  
Shows.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Gus Ringling,

head of the circus combination which  
controls the shows of Ringling, Bros.  
Barnum & Bailey and Fourbaugh, died  
here to-day. Death was due to a com-

pleation of diseases.

Mr. Ringling had come to New Or-  
leans about two weeks ago with the  
hope that the southern climate would  
benefit him.

UNION TRUST COMPANY.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Announcement  
has been made that J. M. Whitney,  
manager of the Union Trust Company,  
has been appointed general manager  
of the company in Toronto. He was  
located for a year in Regina and came  
from Chatham to the west.

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With Cut Glass  
Bottles

Any of these packages make a  
dainty and acceptable Christ-  
mas gift. We have them in all  
colors, sizes and prices. No  
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Gillette's Safety Razors \$5.00  
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**AN OLD MINE  
IS DISCOVERED**

**MYSTERIC FIND  
IS MADE IN NORTH**

Shaft Desereted for Many Years  
Located by Prospector on Queen  
Charlotte Is'and.

**SETTLERS' CASE  
STANDS OVER**

**FURTHER EVIDENCE  
IS TO BE PUT IN**

The Hearing Will Not be Resumed  
Until After the Christmas  
Holidays.

A most interesting find has been  
made on the coast of Queen Charlotte  
Islands lately. A prospector some  
time ago came across an old dump  
near the water with a large tree about  
eighteen inches in diameter growing  
on top of it. He looked around for  
some time and then began to scratch  
away the loose refuse around the base  
of the tree. He found some pieces of  
copper and to his astonishment  
a little farther down squared timbers  
were discovered. Further investiga-  
tion showed this to be the covering  
over an old shaft filled with water.  
The man now realized that he had  
probably discovered something import-  
ant so he set to work to back the shaft  
out. He worked away for a long time  
but still the bottom was not reached.  
At last he came to a ledge at a depth  
of 175 feet. Descending the ladder  
which was in good condition from be-  
ing under water, he found on the ledge  
some old buckets containing native  
copper. Also there were miners' tools,  
buckets, shovels, etc.

Against this Joseph Hunter was again  
put in the box by E. V. Bodwell, K.C.,  
and practically reiterated his apprecia-  
tion of the agricultural possibilities of  
the place.

The Chief Justice observed that he  
could not see much hope for the plaintiff  
in the ground that the land was unfit  
for cultivation, as it was manifestly a  
matter of opinion. As Mr. Bodwell had  
some witnesses in view, who were repre-  
sented as having some information on  
this point, the court consented to an adjourn-  
ment to enable the witnesses to be pro-  
duced. At first it was suggested that an  
adjournment be taken until Monday  
next, but as some inconvenience was  
thought by the court in the case the day  
before Christmas, it was decided to fix the  
date over the holidays.

What was humorously characterized as  
a "solar plexus blow" was delivered by  
Mr. McPhillips against Mr. Bodwell's  
point that the effect of the Fiddick Crown  
Grant was nullified because it had not been  
registered. In a word, Mr. Mc-  
Phillips produced a section of the Land  
Registry Act, which stated that documents  
concerning which litigation was  
pending, especially excepted from the  
provisions of section 15, on which Mr.  
Bodwell founded his point.

Who were the people who dug this  
shaft? is a question which is being  
asked. How many years ago was it  
dug? The tree on the dump had un-  
doubtedly grown there since the sinking  
of the mine, for the roots spread  
out over the mouth and had to be cut  
away before an entrance could be ef-  
fected. The oldest settlers and Indians  
know nothing of it. The dump had  
been noticed by many, but no one be-  
fore had thought of looking further  
for the explanation of it.

The age of the tree has been var-  
iously estimated at from fifty to one  
hundred and fifty years. Whoever it  
was, they must have found something  
there which they considered worth re-  
turning for, and the present finder is  
about to send up machinery to pump  
out the lower shaft and work it till it  
has been proved.

The mine is situated about 20 miles  
from Skidegate and nine miles from  
Sandspit.

SCOTCH CONCERT.

St. Andrew's Society Spend Happy Even-  
ing—Dance Given Afterwards.

The concert of St. Andrew's Society  
last evening was announced on the  
streets by the parade of the pipers' band,  
which is now in first-class shape, and  
the hearts of Scotsmen were made happy last  
evening as the pipers marched to the A.  
O. W. Hall.

The concert itself was a grand success.  
P. J. Riddell, president of the society,  
presided. Pipe Major followed with a  
selection and the following also contrib-  
uted songs to the programme: Mr. E. L.  
Wright, John McMillan, John Darby,  
James Taylor and Ernest Wright. Miss  
Eliza Hill, in splendid style, danced the  
Highland fling and the Shaw Trews.  
Refreshments were served after the  
programme, and then the floor was  
cleared for dancing and an enjoyable  
evening spent, with Miss Thain's orches-  
tra providing the music.

BULGARIANS DEPORTED.

Halifax, Dec. 18.—Ninety-five unde-  
sirable immigrants, mostly Bulgarians,  
without money, were deported from  
Canada yesterday, the party sailing on  
the Sardinian.

PETERBORO LIBRARY.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 18.—The city  
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negie for \$35,000 to build a public library.  
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